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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 1987				REVISED AUGUST 1987				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1986			
n thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
UISIANA	1,991.0	1,793.4	197.6	9.9	1,965.9	1,761.4	204.5	10.4	2,004.0	1,735.1	268.9	13.4
ABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	62.7	57.6	5.1	8.2	61.8	56.4	5.4	8.7	61.4	55.2	6.2	10.1
Baton Rouge 2/	269.3	246.6	22.7	8.4	265.1	241.3	23.8	9.0	264.2	235.9	28.3	10.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	73.0	64.2	8.8	12.1	72.3	63.0	9.3	12.8	77.5	62.5	15.0	19.4
Lafayette 4/	101.4	90.9	10.5	10.3	101.0	90.2	10.8	10.7	106.8	89.8	17.0	15.9
Lake Charles 5/	77.3	68.6	8.7	11.3	77.0	68.1	8.9	11.5	75.4	64.3	11.1	14.7
Monroe 6/	70.0	64.1	5.9	8.4	70.7	64.6	6.1	8.7	70.4	63.5	6.9	9.8
New Orleans 7/	609.3	555.2	54.1	8.9	605.9	551.0	54.9	9.1	608.1	539.0	69.1	11.4
Shreveport 8/	168.7	153.3	15.4	9.2	163.9	148.4	15.5	9.5	169.2	149.3	19.9	11.8

rishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during September totaled 1,497,400, an increase of 13,900 above the August revised figure but a decrease of 11,300 below the comparable period a year ago. Most of the increase was centered in the government segment of nonmanufacturing. Manufacturing employment was up as both durable and nondurable goods employment increased.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, at 75,800, was 900 higher than in August. Increased activity at logging camps and a growth in the production of millwork, plywood and structural members resulted in higher employment for the lumber and wood products industry. Transportation equipment payrolls were higher this month due to increased activity in the ship and boat building and repairing industry.

Nondurable goods employment, at 94,100, was 1,200 higher than last month, and it was 100 higher than August 1986. Seasonal increases in the canning of fruits and vegetables and in the production of fats and oils accounted for the higher level of food and kindred products employment. Apparel and other textile products was higher for September largely due to increased production of men's and boy's furnishings.

Louisiana's employment in the nonmanufacturing industries during September was 1,327,500, up by 11,800 from the August level. Mining employment was down slightly as a result of a decrease in the exploration of oil and gas. Construction payrolls remained steady for September. More business for the state's ports was largely responsible for higher employment in the transportation and public utilities segment of nonmanufacturing. Trade employment was higher in September as both the wholesale and retail segments experienced increases. Employment drops at banks were significant in the downturn of finance, insurance and real estate employment. Seasonal employee additions in educational services primarily accounted for the increase in total services employment for September. The largest increase in nonmanufacturing employment for the current month occurred in government as a result of the opening of state and local schools.

Average weekly earnings for Louisiana's 123,800 production workers in manufacturing increased from $448.20 in August to $464.98 in September, an increase of $15.78 and an increase of $14.33 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were $0.30 higher in September than last month and $0.52 more than September a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 41.8 for the current month, up by 0.3 hours from the August revised figure.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for September totaled 197,600, a decrease of 6,900 from the August revised level of 204,500. The unemployment rate for September was 9.9 percent, compared to 10.4 percent for August and 13.4 percent for September 1986. The national unemployment rate for September was 5.7 percent compared to 5.8 percent in August and 6.8 percent for September of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,965,900 in August to 1,991,000 in September, an increase of 25,100. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,761,400 in August to 1,793,400 in September, a gain of 32,000.

The state's unemployment rate may fall in the upcoming months as seasonal employment increases. Trade employment is expected to add workers in preparation for the upcoming holiday season. Educational services, both private and public, should continue their growth next month as a result of the new school term.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1987*	August 1987**	September 1986**	Net Change from August 1987	Net Change from September 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,497.4	1,483.5	1,508.7	+13.9	-11.3
MINING	60.6	60.8	58.9	- 0.2	+ 1.7
Oil and Gas Extraction	57.8	58.0	56.0	- 0.2	+ 1.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	85.3	85.3	90.5	0	- 5.2
MANUFACTURING	169.9	167.8	166.3	+ 2.1	+ 3.6
Durable Goods	75.8	74.9	72.3	+ 0.9	+ 3.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.1	11.8	12.5	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.8	5.7	5.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.1	3.0	- 0.1	0
Fabricated Metal Products	12.8	12.7	12.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.1	8.9	8.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.4	7.4	7.8	0	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	22.7	22.4	19.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	94.1	92.9	94.0	+ 1.2	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	21.4	20.6	22.3	+ 0.8	- 0.9
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.3	7.9	7.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	11.9	12.0	11.9	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.7	9.8	+ 0.1	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.3	25.4	25.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.8	12.7	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Petroleum Refining	11.9	11.8	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.6	4.6	4.3	0	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	107.5	106.7	105.9	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.6	0	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.8	59.6	58.6	+ 1.2	+ 2.2
Water Transportation	24.7	23.9	23.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.3	41.7	41.7	- 0.4	- 0.4
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.3	18.5	18.8	- 0.2	- 0.5
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.0	23.2	22.9	- 0.2	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	360.3	358.9	366.0	+ 1.4	- 5.7
Wholesale Trade	80.4	80.3	83.2	+ 0.1	- 2.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.7	43.7	46.8	0	- 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.7	36.6	36.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	279.9	278.6	282.8	+ 1.3	- 2.9
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.4	58.3	58.9	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Food Stores	57.2	56.5	55.8	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.1	30.0	30.9	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Eating & Drinking Places	82.8	82.7	84.7	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Other Retail Trade	51.4	51.1	52.5	+ 0.3	- 1.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1987*	August 1987**	September 1986**	Net Change from August 1987	Net Change from September 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.1	84.3	85.7	- 0.2	- 1.6
Banking	25.4	25.6	26.6	- 0.2	- 1.2
SERVICES	318.4	315.3	316.9	+ 3.1	+ 1.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.3	22.6	22.5	+ 0.7	+ 0.8
Personal Services	14.4	14.5	14.9	- 0.1	- 0.5
Business Services	55.5	54.9	54.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.6	10.0	0	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.9	6.9	6.7	0	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.2	10.4	10.0	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Health Services	98.4	98.2	96.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
Legal Services	15.2	15.5	14.4	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Educational Services	18.6	16.7	20.4	+ 1.9	- 1.8
Social Services	18.2	17.6	18.5	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Membership Organizations	25.6	25.8	26.1	- 0.2	- 0.5
Miscellaneous Services	16.3	16.4	16.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	311.3	304.4	318.5	+ 6.9	- 7.2
Federal	36.2	36.2	35.6	0	+ 0.6
State and Local	275.1	268.2	282.9	+ 6.9	- 7.8
State	99.4	91.9	101.4	+ 7.5	- 2.0
Local	175.7	176.3	181.5	- 0.6	- 5.8

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* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$463.98	$448.20	$449.65	41.8	41.5	42.5	$11.10	$10.80	$10.58
Durable Goods	404.81	398.57	409.34	40.4	40.3	42.2	10.02	9.89	9.70
Lumber & Wood Products	346.90	349.01	334.37	42.1	42.1	43.2	8.24	8.29	7.74
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	368.63	343.45	377.74	38.2	37.7	40.4	9.65	9.11	9.35
Fabricated Metal Products	439.80	409.08	428.26	45.2	41.7	46.0	9.73	9.81	9.31
Machinery, ex. Electrical	399.25	403.94	399.78	42.7	42.7	41.3	9.35	9.46	9.68
Electric & Electronic Equip.	460.16	453.47	539.03	37.2	37.2	43.4	12.37	12.19	12.42
Transportation Equipment	429.66	434.66	444.04	37.2	39.3	40.7	11.55	11.06	10.91
Nondurable Goods	516.00	491.73	485.35	43.0	42.5	42.8	12.00	11.57	11.34
Food & Kindred Products	319.39	306.46	314.36	41.0	39.8	41.2	7.79	7.70	7.63
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	190.38	200.79	190.11	33.4	38.1	36.7	5.70	5.27	5.18
Paper & Allied Products	641.45	545.67	578.98	47.2	42.3	44.4	13.59	12.90	13.04
Printing & Publishing	407.23	389.47	398.16	40.2	39.5	39.5	10.13	9.86	10.08
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	727.65	695.53	679.36	46.2	45.4	45.2	15.75	15.32	15.03
Petroleum & Coal Products	707.39	675.09	671.68	46.6	45.8	46.1	15.18	14.74	14.57
Petroleum Refining	717.57	687.58	687.42	46.9	45.9	46.7	15.30	14.98	14.72
MINING	566.43	554.00	537.54	47.4	48.3	46.3	11.95	11.47	11.61
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	520.10	532.13	532.76	40.1	40.1	40.7	12.97	13.27	13.09
BANKING	257.85	258.82	263.20	38.6	38.4	38.2	6.68	6.74	6.89

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,800 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 94,600 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 09 87				REVISED 08 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	24,225	20,950	3,275	13.5	23,900	20,475	3,425	14.3
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,975	8,825	1,150	11.5	9,750	8,575	1,175	12.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,600	5,225	1,375	20.7	6,625	5,150	1,475	22.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	17,275	14.775	2,500	14.4	16.850	14,150	2,700	16.0
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	15,350	13,800	1,550	10.1	14,575	13,000	1,575	10.8
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,750	6.125	625	9.4	6,700	6,025	675	10.2
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4.625	4,075	550	11.8	4,525	4,000	525	11.8
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,900	4,550	350	7.2	4,750	4,425	325	7.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,900	4,200	700	14.1	4,700	3,975	725	15.4
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,975	7,275	700	8.7	7,850	7,125	725	9.1
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,625	9,400	1,225	11.5	10,350	9,050	1,300	12.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,400	12,025	1,375	10.2	13,000	11,600	1,400	10.8
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,525	4,000	525	11.8	4,425	3,775	650	14.8
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	9,175	8.300	875	9.5	8,950	8,050	900	10.0
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,250	12,525	1,725	12.0	14.100	12,200	1,900	13.4
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,975	7,925	1,050	11.8	8,500	7,400	1,100	13.0
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,050	6,350	700	9.9	6,750	6,025	725	10.8
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	27,525	23,175	4,350	15.8	28,000	23,425	4,575	16.3
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,225	10,400	1,825	14.9	12,050	10,175	1,875	15.5
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,525	7,025	500	6.6	7,350	6,800	550	7.5
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	14,025	12,225	1,800	12.8	13,600	11,775	1,825	13.4
JENA (LASALLE)	6,950	6,325	625	9.0	6,925	6,225	700	10.1
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,850	18,025	825	4.4	17,350	16,500	850	4.9
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,450	5,500	950	14.7	6,200	5,225	975	15.8
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	13,075	11,625	1,450	11.2	12,700	11,200	1,500	11.8
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,850	16,400	1,450	8.1	17,450	15,925	1,525	8.7
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,725	8,700	1,025	10.6	9,725	8,650	1,075	11.1
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,150	6,900	1,250	15.3	7,875	6,550	1,325	16.8
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,700	4.250	450	9.3	4,525	4,100	425	9.6
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,375	8,350	1,025	11.0	9,050	7,950	1,100	12.1
MANY (SABINE)	10,175	9,350	825	8.2	10,000	9,150	850	8.5
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,125	2,775	350	11.2	3,050	2,675	375	12.6
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,800	7,450	1,350	15.4	8,750	7,300	1,450	16.5
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,850	29,875	4,975	14.3	34,450	28,850	5,600	16.2
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	25,600	21,150	4,450	17.4	25,700	21,025	4,675	18.1
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	41,300	36,500	4,800	11.6	40,650	35,500	5,150	12.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,825	3,525	300	7.8	3,575	3,275	300	8.6
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,875	7,975	900	10.1	8,475	7,625	850	10.2
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,450	18,325	3,125	14.5	21,175	17,875	3,300	15.5
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	20,500	18,900	1,600	7.8	20,475	18,925	1,550	7.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	19,150	17,125	2,025	10.6	18,750	16,650	2,100	11.2
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,150	16,925	2,225	11.6	19,025	16,725	2,300	12.1
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,275	4,425	850	16.1	4,950	4,125	825	16.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,325	3,975	350	8.0	4.275	3,900	375	8.6
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,900	5,400	500	8.5	5,800	5,300	500	8.8

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1987*	August 1987**	September 1986**	Net Change From	
				August 1987	September 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.0	45.5	45.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.7	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.9	10.9	10.7	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.7	8.7	8.6	0	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
SERVICES	11.2	11.0	11.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.6	12.2	12.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	9.9	9.5	10.0	+ 0.4	- 0.1
State	4.9	4.8	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Local	5.0	4.7	4.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 46,000 for the month of September. This estimate was 500 more than August and 400 more than September of last year.

Employment in manufacturing during September was estimated at 3,400. This estimate was unchanged since the previous month, and the same as September of last year.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,600 during September. This estimate was 500 more than August and 400 more than last September. Since last month the majority of this increase was motivated by the annual increase of personnel in education. Compared to last September nonmanufacturing employment has experienced an overall increase. Gains occurred in retail trade, services, federal and local government, with reductions coming in construction and state government.

Employment and unemployment is expected to remain relatively stable during the next thirty days.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1987*	August 1987**	September 1986**	Net Change From August 1987	Net Change From September 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	215.1	211.9	214.0	+ 3.2	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	19.0	19.1	18.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	4.2	4.3	4.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.7	0	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	1.9	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.8	14.8	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.8	1.9	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.3	10.4	10.3	- 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	20.3	20.1	19.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.6	10.6	10.2	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.3	53.1	52.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade	11.2	11.2	11.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.5	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.6	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	42.1	41.9	41.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.5	13.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Banking	3.9	3.9	4.1	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	42.3	42.3	41.5	0	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	55.2	52.2	56.9	+ 3.0	- 1.7
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	53.0	50.0	54.7	+ 3.0	- 1.7
State	31.8	28.4	33.1	+ 3.4	- 1.3
Local	21.2	21.6	21.6	- 0.4	- 0.4

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$563.75	$507.10	$534.60	43.1	41.6	42.7	$13.08	$12.19	$12.52
Petro-Chemicals	738.72	681.93	747.39	45.6	46.9	49.3	16.20	14.54	15.16

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 215,100 during September, was up 3,200 from the revised August total and up 1,100 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,000 was down 100 during the current period. Other durable goods were down due to less business in iron and steel foundries and in miscellaneous machinery, except electrical. Nondurable goods had no change, however, sugar and confectionery products had a seasonal increase and industrial organic chemicals were down due to less business.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 3,300 during September. Construction was up due to more business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction and in electrical work. Retail trade was up due to more business in grocery stores and in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance and real estate was down due to less business in real estate operators (except developers) and lessors. State government was up due to seasonal increases in colleges, universities, professional schools, and junior colleges; however, the current total employment is 1,700 less than the year ago figure. Local government was down during the current period.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,400 production workers in all manufacturing was $563.75, up $56.65 from the revised August average. Average weekly hours, at 43.1, were up 1.5 hours and average hourly earnings, at $13.08 were up $0.89 per hour. More overtime at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents at 246,600 during September was up 5,300 from the August revised estimate due primarily to seasonal increases in public education. Unemployment, at 22,700, was down 1,100 during the current period. The unemployment rate for September was 8.4 percent, compared to 9.0 percent for August and 10.7 percent for September a year ago. The current statewide rate was 9.9 percent and the national rate is 5.7 percent. The Baton Rouge civilian labor force was 269,300 during the current period.

Seasonal increases in retail trade and education are expected to continue raising employment levels during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service served 3,480 individual with new or renewal applications, and placed 1,440 applicants in jobs during September.

The consumer price index for August, 1987 for all urban consumers was 342.7 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 337.4 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1987*	August 1987**	September 1986**	Net Change From August 1987	Net Change From September 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.0	52.5	53.4	+ 0.5	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	4.4	4.3	5.2	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	2.1	0	- 0.6
MINING	6.3	6.2	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.4	1.7	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	5.9	5.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Water Transportation	3.9	3.7	3.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.8	13.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.6	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.0	11.2	10.5	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.5	3.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	8.5	8.6	8.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.2	9.9	10.9	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.7	9.4	10.4	+ 0.3	- 0.7
State	2.8	2.5	3.1	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Local	6.9	6.9	7.3	0	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in September moved up to 53,000, a level 500 above August. Seasonal changes accounted for most of the gain.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,400 in September, increasing 100 over the previous month. Durable goods went up 100 due to an increase in ship and boat building and repairing. The nondurable goods segment was unchanged from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment decreased 900.

State government pulled up from the summer low in employment by state institutions of higher learning. Mining showed a small increase. Water transportation added workers. Less favorable, retail trade exhibited a decrease spread through several segments. Services were lowered by a general downturn. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no change. Construction held steady.

Estimated unemployment in September moved down to 8,800, a level 500 below that of August. An increase in employment was mostly responsible. Unemployment presently comprises 12.1 percent of the labor force compared to 12.8 percent in August and 19.4 percent in September of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 1,458.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to display a small seasonal overall gain. Trade will probably show some increase as the holiday season draws nearer. Unemployment is predicted to show a small decrease.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1987*	August 1987**	September 1986**	Net Change From August 1987	Net Change From September 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.6	82.8	84.8	- 0.2	- 2.2
MANUFACTURING	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.2	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
MINING	11.1	11.1	11.3	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.4	3.4	3.7	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.4	6.6	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.9	21.8	23.0	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade	5.0	4.9	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Retail Trade	16.9	16.9	17.9	0	- 1.0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.1	0	- 0.3
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	9.8	9.8	10.1	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	4.1	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	18.3	18.0	18.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.8	12.4	12.3	- 0.6	- 0.5
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.0	11.6	11.4	- 0.6	- 0.4
State	4.2	4.2	4.4	0	- 0.2
Local	6.8	7.4	7.0	- 0.6	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,600 for September 1987. This estimate is 200 less than last month's estimate and is 2,200 less than September of last year.

Wholesale and retail trade showed an increase of 100 from the previous month, but is still down by 1,100 from a year ago.

Services rose by 300 for September, due primarily to a slight increase in the health services and private educational services industries. Compared to one year ago, this sector is showing an increase of 200 employees.

Government, the only sector showing a decrease, was down 600 for the month of September due to the end of summer youth employment. This segment of nonmanufacturing is showing a decrease of 500 from September 1986.

All other sectors showed no change from last month's estimate.

Employment in the trade sector should increase, while the unemployment rate should decrease due to seasonal factors.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1987*	August 1987**	September 1986**	Net Change From August 1987	Net Change From September 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.6	58.6	57.0	0	+ 1.6
MANUFACTURING	11.1	11.0	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.5
Durable Goods	3.0	2.9	0.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.8	2.7	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.0	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.3	7.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.7	4.8	5.4	- 0.1	- 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.7	3.7	3.9	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.9	13.8	13.9	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.8	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	11.0	11.0	11.3	0	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.6	10.7	10.6	- 0.1	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.6	0.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.5	10.6	0	- 0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	9.8	9.8	9.9	0	- 0.1
State	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Local	6.1	6.1	6.3	0	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,600, showing no change from last month's revised estimate. Overall, the employment estimates are 1,600 above September of last year.

The manufacturing sector continues to grow for the sixth consecutive month with an increase of 100 for the month of September.

Wholesale and retail trade rose by 100 from last month's estimate and is unchanged from the September 1986 estimates.

Construction and services sectors showed a decrease of 100 from the previous month's estimates. All other sectors showed no change from last month's estimates.

Employment is expected to increase over the next thirty days due to seasonal hiring. The unemployment rate should decrease.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1987*	August 1987**	September 1986**	Net Change From August 1987	Net Change From September 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.2	54.6	55.6	- 0.4	- 1.4
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.1	7.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.0	2.1	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.2	0	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
MINING	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.8	3.1	- 0.2	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.7	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	14.8	15.0	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.9	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.0	11.0	11.1	0	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.3	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.2	3.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.6	4.5	4.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.4	11.4	11.1	0	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	± 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.8	11.1	- 0.3	- 0.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.2	10.5	- 0.3	- 0.6
State	4.2	4.2	4.8	0	- 0.6
Local	5.7	6.0	5.7	- 0.3	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 54,200, was 400 below the 54,600 revised estimate for August. The loss can be attributed primarily to youth leaving summer employment to begin the fall semester at educational facilities.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was up minimally. The 100 gain was in durable goods.

Construction was down by 200 to an estimated 2,600 employees. Finance, insurance and real estate rose by 100. Government experienced a loss of 300, reflecting the lay-off of students in summer work programs to return to school. All other segments were unchanged.

Over the next thirty days employment should rise slightly to reflect the beginning of the fall semester at local educational facilities. Unemployment should remain high but relatively stable.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1987*	August 1987**	September 1986**	Net Change From August 1987	Net Change From September 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.9	511.4	516.2	+ 0.5	- 4.3
MANUFACTURING	42.8	42.1	43.4	+ 0.7	- 0.6
Durable Goods	21.1	20.7	20.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.3	1.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.3	12.2	12.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.4	8.2	8.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.7	1.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	21.7	21.4	22.5	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	6.6	6.4	6.8	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.6	1.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.0	0	- 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
MINING	17.0	17.0	16.2	0	+ 0.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	16.0	16.0	15.3	0	+ 0.7
CONSTRUCTION	24.1	24.2	25.1	- 0.1	- 1.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.2	42.3	42.8	- 0.1	- 0.6
Railroad Transportation	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	11.2	11.2	12.1	0	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.3	133.0	136.0	+ 1.3	- 1.7
Wholesale Trade	31.4	31.5	32.8	- 0.1	- 1.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.8	18.1	19.4	- 0.3	- 1.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.4	13.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	102.9	101.5	103.2	+ 1.4	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.4	33.4	33.9	0	- 0.5
Banking	7.1	7.1	7.3	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	134.3	131.2	133.5	+ 3.1	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	83.8	88.2	85.3	- 4.4	- 1.5
Federal	15.9	15.7	15.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
State and Local	67.9	72.5	70.1	- 4.6	- 2.2
State	18.8	17.7	20.2	+ 1.1	- 1.4
Local	49.1	54.8	49.9	- 5.7	- 0.8

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$431.21	$437.96	$439.15	40.3	41.2	40.7	$10.70	$10.63	$10.79
Durable Goods	375.39	387.70	404.01	38.7	39.4	40.2	9.70	9.84	10.05
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	316.53	280.04	357.08	32.2	28.9	32.7	9.83	9.69	10.92
Fabricated Metal Products	377.61	437.44	511.83	41.0	44.5	47.0	9.21	9.83	10.89
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	358.33	372.09	370.89	37.6	38.8	39.0	9.53	9.59	9.51
Nondurable Goods	485.30	484.50	471.42	41.8	42.8	41.1	11.61	11.32	11.47
Food & Kindred Products	340.73	344.80	329.28	38.5	40.0	38.2	8.85	8.62	8.62
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	144.60	163.85	134.31	30.0	33.1	24.2	4.82	4.95	5.55
Paper & Allied Products	436.13	388.08	414.90	43.7	44.1	46.1	9.98	8.80	9.00
Printing & Publishing	388.88	372.26	391.02	42.5	41.5	42.0	9.15	8.97	9.31
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	738.04	730.94	709.19	44.3	46.0	45.2	16.66	15.89	15.69

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA moved up to 511,900, a level above August. Seasonal increases in some industries offset seasonal decreases in others. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 4,300 workers, with every industry division except mining and services showing a reduction in employment.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,800 in September, up 700 from the previous month. Durable goods showed an increase of 400 over the previous month. An increase of 100 was due to scattered hires in many firms in the stone, clay and glass products segment. Ship and boat building and repairing increased 200 due to an increase in government contracts. A general increase in employment spread throughout several segments of other durable goods. Nondurable goods increased 300 over the previous month. Food and kindred products increased 200 due to an increase in seafood processing. Apparel and other textile products also rose 100, favored by a seasonal increase in demand. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 600.

Services were boosted by normal seasonal gains, mostly in private educational services. Business services added workers. The hotel-motel industry gained, benefitting from autumn sports and cultural attractions. In retail trade, a seasonal upturn was augmented by the opening of new stores. Less favorably, government was lowered by layoffs of temporary summer workers in the local sector. Partly offsetting losses, state government pulled back up to normal levels in state institutions of higher learning. Transportation showed a small decrease. Construction tapered off in heavy construction. Mining held steady. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no significant change.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $431.21 per week in September, down $6.75 from last months average. Average weekly hours went down 54 minutes from the previous month, and average hourly earnings increased seven cents over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earning are down $7.94 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in September decreased to 54,100, a level 800 below August. The increase in employment was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 8.9 percent of the labor force compared to 9.1 percent in August and 11.4 percent in September of last year. The September rate was lower than the state rate of 9.9 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 11,933.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show some overall increases. Both public and private educational services will probably add more workers as the autumn school term moves further along. Retail trade is expected to increase as the holiday season draws nearer. Unemployment is expected to show some decrease.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1987*	August 1987**	September 1986**	Net Change From August 1987	Net Change From September 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	132.8	129.3	135.3	+ 3.5	- 2.5
MANUFACTURING	18.6	18.2	19.1	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Durable Goods	13.3	13.0	13.6	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.9	7.6	8.1	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.6	1.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.2	6.0	6.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
Nondurable Good	5.3	5.2	5.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.9	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.4	1.5	+ 0.1	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	3.4	3.3	3.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	8.1	8.4	7.9	- 0.3	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.1	7.9	8.6	+ 0.2	- 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	29.9	30.2	31.4	- 0.3	- 1.5
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.2	7.8	- 0.1	- 0.7
Retail Trade	22.8	23.0	23.6	- 0.2	- 0.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.9	7.6	7.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
SERVICES	31.8	31.6	31.9	+ 0.2	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	25.0	22.1	25.1	+ 2.9	- 0.1
Federal	4.5	4.7	4.5	- 0.2	0
State and Local	20.5	17.4	20.6	+ 3.1	- 0.1
State	6.3	6.1	6.3	+ 0.2	0
Local	14.2	11.3	14.3	+ 2.9	- 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**	Sept. '87*	August '87**	Sept. '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$459.65	$445.96	$472.64	37.8	39.5	42.2	$12.16	$11.29	$11.20
Lumber and Wood Products	270.00	262.41	244.97	37.5	36.7	38.7	7.20	7.15	6.33
Metals and Machinery	470.83	463.67	453.65	39.8	39.8	42.2	11.83	11.65	10.75
Food and Kindred Products	335.55	255.25	310.72	42.8	35.5	41.1	7.84	7.19	7.56
Printing and Publishing	330.71	310.75	288.86	34.2	33.2	31.5	9.67	9.36	9.17
Petroleum and Coal Products	594.70	564.98	538.65	47.5	46.5	43.9	12.52	12.15	12.27

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 132,800, increased from 129,300 in August, but remained 2,500 less than September, 1986.

The manufacturing employment total of 18,600 remained below the year ago estimate of 19,100, but was up from the August estimate of 18,200. The employment gains during the past month occurred in the production of durable goods. Primarily metals and machinery jobs grew from 7,600 in August to 7,900 in September. There was a slight gain in nondurable goods employment as printing and publishing increased from 1,400 to 1,500.

In nonmanufacturing, the most significant employment gain occurred in local government with the beginning of the 1987-88 school year. There were additional small employment increases in mining, transportation and public utilities, finance, insurance, and real estate and services. While jobs in the nonmanufacturing sectors increased from 111,100 to 114,200 during the past month, they are still below the September 1986 estimate of 116,200.

The 13,900 production workers, in the Shreveport labor market area, had average weekly earnings of $459.65, up $13.69 from last month, and $12.99 less than in September, 1986. These production workers averaged 37.8 hours per week, down 1.7 hours from last month and 4.4 hours less than the average weekly hours of one year ago. The average hourly earnings of $12.16 are $0.87 cents more then the previous month and $0.96 cents more than one year ago.

The civilian labor force for this area, estimated at 168,700, includes 153,300 employed and 15,400 unemployed. The unemployment rate was 9.2 percent for September, down from 9.5 percent in August and 11.8 percent in September, 1986.

During the next two months, only slight changes are expected in total employment and unemployment. The annual fair activities will be a temporary stimulas in October while a job loss will occur when the race track closes in November. Total unemployment is expected to remain near the present level.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 1987				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1987				REVISED OCTOBER 1986			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,993.6	1,791.5	202.1	10.1	1,990.9	1,792.3	198.6	10.0	1,996.6	1,731.0	265.6	13.3
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	63.0	57.8	5.2	8.3	62.7	57.6	5.1	8.2	61.2	55.0	6.2	10.2
Baton Rouge 2/	270.8	247.6	23.2	8.6	269.6	246.7	22.9	8.5	264.2	236.0	28.2	10.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	72.9	64.1	8.8	12.1	72.6	63.8	8.8	12.2	77.5	62.6	14.9	19.2
Lafayette 4/	103.2	92.6	10.6	10.3	101.5	91.0	10.5	10.4	107.0	90.2	16.8	15.7
Lake Charles 5/	78.3	69.1	9.2	11.7	77.3	68.6	8.7	11.3	75.8	65.4	10.4	13.7
Monroe 6/	71.7	65.5	6.2	8.6	71.8	65.8	6.0	8.4	70.3	63.1	7.2	10.3
New Orleans 7/	609.5	554.1	55.4	9.1	609.1	554.6	54.5	8.9	605.4	537.6	67.8	11.2
Shreveport 8/	167.3	151.1	16.2	9.7	167.2	151.7	15.5	9.3	167.8	148.0	19.8	11.8

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,508,000 for October, an increase of 9,200 from September's revised figure but 6,900 below the October 1986 figure. Seasonal upturns in state and local school employment accounted for the largest portion of this month's increase in nonmanufacturing payrolls. Manufacturing employment was up as both durable and nondurable goods employment increased.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, at 76,600, was 1,000 higher than the September revised figure. An increase in transportation equipment payrolls was mostly responsible for this month's increase. More demand for concrete, gypsum and plaster products accounted for the increase in stone, clay, and glass products payrolls.

Estimated employment in nondurable goods for October was 600 higher than in the prior month and 1,200 higher than the comparable period a year ago. A seasonal upturn in sugar refining was most significant for the growth in the food and kindred products segment.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during October was 1,336,900, an increase of 7,600 from the September revised figure of 1,329,300. An increase in the production of crude petroleum and natural gas was responsible for the higher employment level in mining for October. Construction was unchanged for this month. Increased trucking and warehousing employment was largely responsible for the upturn in transportation and public utilities. Trade payrolls were down in October largely as a result of decreased business for both the durable and nondurable goods segment of wholesale trade. Several segments contributed to the decrease in finance, insurance and real estate employment. Increases in educational services were especially significant in the upward fluctuations of services employment. Government employment in October was up mostly due to increases in state and local education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 125,000 production workers in manufacturing increased from $453.65 in September to $465.23 in October, a gain of $11.58. Average hourly earnings, at $10.75, was $0.38 below last month's level and $0.24 above October of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.2 during October, an increase of 0.4 hours from the September figure.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for October totaled 202,100, an increase of 3,500 from the September revised figure of 198,600. The unemployment rate for October was 10.1 percent, compared to 10.0 percent for September and 13.3 percent for October 1986. The national unemployment rate for October was 5.7 percent, unchanged from the September figure, and 6.6 percent for October of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,990,900 in September to 1,993,600 in October, an increase of 2,700. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,792,300 in September to 1,791,500 in October, a decrease of 800.

Louisiana's unemployment rate will probably show a decline in the upcoming months due to hiring for the holiday season. Seasonal growth is expected in retail trade. Government employment may show an increase next month.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	October 1987*	Sept. 1987**	October 1986**	Sept. 1987	October 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,508.0	1,498.8	1,514.9	+ 9.2	- 6.9
MINING	60.7	60.6	58.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	57.9	57.8	56.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	85.6	85.6	89.6	0	- 4.0
MANUFACTURING	171.1	169.5	167.4	+ 1.6	+ 3.7
Durable Goods	76.6	75.6	71.7	+ 1.0	+ 4.9
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.0	12.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
Furniture and Fixtures	0.9	0.8	0.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.0	5.8	5.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	12.8	12.7	12.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.2	9.1	8.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.3	7.4	8.0	- 0.1	- 0.7
Transportation Equipment	23.2	22.7	19.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.2	2.1	2.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	94.5	93.9	95.7	+ 0.6	- 1.2
Food & Kindred Products	21.9	21.3	23.7	+ 0.6	- 1.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.4	8.3	7.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Paper & Allied Products	11.9	11.9	11.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.8	9.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.3	25.3	25.6	0	- 0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.8	12.7	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Petroleum Refining	11.9	11.8	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.5	4.6	4.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	107.5	107.4	106.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.6	0	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.7	60.4	58.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Water Transportation	24.7	24.7	23.4	0	+ 1.3
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.4	41.6	41.5	- 0.2	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.3	18.4	18.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.1	23.2	22.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	359.9	360.3	366.3	- 0.4	- 6.4
Wholesale Trade	79.6	80.5	83.1	- 0.9	- 3.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.4	43.8	46.6	- 0.4	- 3.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.2	36.7	36.5	- 0.5	- 0.3
Retail Trade	280.3	279.8	283.2	+ 0.5	- 2.9
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	59.4	58.3	59.2	+ 1.1	+ 0.2
Food Stores	57.1	57.2	56.4	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.0	30.1	30.7	- 0.1	- 0.7
Eating & Drinking Places	81.7	82.6	84.5	- 0.9	- 2.8
Other Retail Trade	52.1	51.6	52.4	+ 0.5	- 0.3

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1987*	Sept. 1987**	October 1986**	Net Change from Sept. 1987	Net Change from October 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	83.7	84.1	85.1	- 0.4	- 1.4
Banking	25.3	25.4	26.3	- 0.1	- 1.0
SERVICES	321.8	318.9	319.0	+ 2.9	+ 2.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.2	23.4	23.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
Personal Services	14.6	14.4	14.7	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Business Services	55.7	55.4	54.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.6	9.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.0	6.9	6.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.5	10.1	9.8	- 0.6	- 0.3
Health Services	98.7	98.5	96.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Legal Services	15.2	15.1	14.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Educational Services	20.3	18.9	21.5	+ 1.4	- 1.2
Social Services	18.6	18.3	18.7	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Membership Organizations	25.9	25.8	26.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	16.5	16.5	16.1	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	317.7	312.4	322.6	+ 5.3	- 4.9
Federal	35.7	36.0	35.5	- 0.3	+ 0.2
State and Local	282.0	276.4	287.1	+ 5.6	- 5.1
State	102.5	100.4	103.2	+ 2.1	- 0.7
Local	179.5	176.0	183.9	+ 3.5	- 4.4

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$465.23	$453.65	$442.47	42.2	41.8	42.1	$10.75	$11.13	$10.51
Durable Goods	405.42	408.62	392.35	41.4	40.3	40.7	9.87	10.06	9.64
Lumber & Wood Products	357.16	360.91	328.44	43.8	41.1	42.0	8.24	8.69	7.82
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	370.94	386.82	370.99	42.0	39.8	39.3	9.21	9.32	9.44
Fabricated Metal Products	429.88	441.68	391.13	45.3	44.0	42.7	9.75	9.77	9.16
Machinery, ex. Electrical	401.97	407.88	362.25	44.0	42.9	37.5	9.27	9.37	9.66
Electric & Electronic Equip.	459.85	460.54	534.01	37.2	37.6	43.1	12.38	12.23	12.39
Transportation Equipment	424.02	428.58	422.65	38.2	37.3	40.1	11.10	11.49	10.54
Nondurable Goods	518.06	492.20	483.84	42.8	43.1	43.2	11.50	12.02	11.20
Food & Kindred Products	324.53	333.63	324.08	42.5	41.5	43.5	7.85	7.82	7.45
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	191.87	202.01	186.19	37.9	33.9	35.6	5.33	5.66	5.23
Paper & Allied Products	639.35	594.96	573.77	44.4	47.5	43.5	13.40	13.46	13.19
Printing & Publishing	404.00	388.83	394.18	39.0	40.0	39.3	9.97	10.10	10.03
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	736.70	694.17	673.97	45.4	45.9	45.6	15.29	16.05	14.78
Petroleum & Coal Products	695.74	646.07	684.68	44.1	46.6	46.8	14.65	14.93	14.63
Petroleum Refining	706.78	658.74	700.51	44.3	46.9	47.3	14.87	15.07	14.81
MINING	568.09	555.28	527.59	47.5	47.9	45.6	11.69	11.86	11.57
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	543.46	524.80	530.64	40.0	40.8	40.2	13.12	13.32	13.20
BANKING	259.01	260.91	271.27	38.2	38.6	38.1	6.83	6.71	7.12

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 125,000 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 94,200 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 10 87				REVISED 09 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	24,400	20,975	3,425	14.0	24,250	20,975	3,275	13.5
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,000	8,850	1,150	11.6	9,825	8,675	1,150	11.6
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,400	5,075	1,325	20.7	6,600	5,225	1,375	20.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	17,075	14,600	2,475	14.5	17,250	14,750	2,500	14.5
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	15,600	13,925	1,675	10.7	15,200	13,625	1,575	10.3
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,725	6,075	650	9.8	6,750	6,125	625	9.4
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,625	4,075	550	11.8	4,625	4,075	550	11.8
CAMERON (CAMERON)	5,000	4,550	450	9.2	4,875	4,525	350	7.2
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,800	4,100	700	14.7	4,900	4,200	700	14.1
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,000	7,250	750	9.2	7,975	7,275	700	8.8
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,500	9,350	1,150	10.9	10,625	9,400	1,225	11.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,425	12,100	1,325	9.9	13,400	12,025	1,375	10.2
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,475	3,975	500	11.3	4,575	4,025	550	11.8
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	9,125	8,225	900	9.9	9,175	8,300	875	9.5
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,275	12,525	1,750	12.2	14,275	12,550	1,725	12.0
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,925	7,875	1,050	11.9	9,000	7,925	1,075	11.9
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,975	6,275	700	10.2	6,975	6,275	700	10.0
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	27,600	23,400	4,200	15.3	27,550	23,200	4,350	15.8
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,175	10,350	1,825	14.9	12,225	10,400	1,825	14.9
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,675	7,100	575	7.4	7,525	7,025	500	6.6
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	14,125	12,175	1,950	13.8	14,050	12,250	1,800	12.9
JENA (LASALLE)	6,900	6,275	625	8.9	6,950	6,325	625	9.0
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,800	17,925	875	4.6	18,875	18,050	825	4.4
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,325	5,400	925	14.7	6,450	5,500	950	14.7
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,650	11,225	1,425	11.3	13,100	11,625	1,475	11.2
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,625	16,150	1,475	8.4	17,850	16,400	1,450	8.1
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,650	8,550	1,100	11.3	9,750	8,700	1,050	10.7
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,100	6,875	1,225	15.2	8,150	6,900	1,250	15.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,675	4,200	475	10.0	4,700	4,250	450	9.4
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,225	8,150	1,075	11.7	9,375	8,350	1,025	11.0
MANY (SABINE)	10,175	9,350	825	8.0	10,150	9,325	825	8.2
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,025	2,700	325	11.0	3,125	2,775	350	11.3
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,725	7,425	1,300	14.9	8,800	7,450	1,350	15.4
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,825	29,575	5,250	15.1	34,900	29,900	5,000	14.3
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	25,200	20,850	4,350	17.2	25,650	21,175	4,475	17.4
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	41,175	36,300	4,875	11.8	41,350	36,525	4,825	11.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,700	3,400	300	8.4	3,825	3,525	300	7.8
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,775	7,875	900	10.3	8,875	7,975	900	10.1
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,350	18,150	3,200	15.0	21,475	18,350	3,125	14.5
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	20,275	18,600	1,675	8.3	20,300	18,700	1,600	7.9
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	19,150	17,075	2,075	10.9	19,125	17,100	2,025	10.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,200	16,925	2,275	11.9	19,150	16,925	2,225	11.6
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,200	4,350	850	16.3	5,275	4,425	850	16.2
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,425	4,100	325	7.4	4,350	4,000	350	8.0
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,850	5,350	500	8.4	5,925	5,425	500	8.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1987*	Sept. 1987**	October 1986**	Net Change From Sept. 1987	Net Change From October 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.4	46.1	45.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.0	0	+ 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.9	10.9	10.6	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.7	8.7	8.5	0	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.3	11.2	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.8	12.6	12.9	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.1	9.9	10.3	+ 0.2	- 0.2
State	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Local	5.2	5.0	5.2	+ 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 46,400 for the month of October. This was 300 more than the previous month and 700 more than October of last year.

Employment in manufacturing during October was estimated at 3,500. This estimate was unchanged since September, and 300 more than October of last year. The increase was in lumber and wood products, and other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,900 during October. This estimate was 300 more than September and 400 more than last October. Since last month the majority of this increase was a continuing increase of personnel in education. Compared to last October nonmanufacturing employment has experienced an overall increase. Gains occurred in wholesale and retail trade, finance, insurance, and real estate; services; and federal government, with reductions coming in construction and state government.

During the next thirty days, the number of employed is expected to decrease slightly, with a corresponding rise in the number of unemployed.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1987*	Sept. 1987**	October 1986**	Net Change From Sept. 1987	Net Change From October 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	216.3	215.0	214.3	+ 1.3	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	19.2	19.1	18.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.0	0	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.7	0	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Nondurable Goods	15.0	14.9	14.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	2.0	1.9	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.4	10.4	10.3	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	20.5	20.5	19.7	0	+ 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.5	53.1	52.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Wholesale Trade	11.2	11.2	11.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.5	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.6	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	42.3	41.9	41.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.4	13.5	0	- 0.1
Banking	3.8	3.9	4.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	42.6	42.3	41.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	55.7	55.1	56.8	+ 0.6	- 1.1
Federal	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
State and Local	53.6	53.0	54.6	+ 0.6	- 1.0
State	32.4	31.8	33.2	+ 0.6	- 0.8
Local	21.2	21.2	21.4	0	- 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$534.01	$560.68	$525.81	43.1	42.8	42.2	$12.39	$13.10	$12.46
Petro-Chemicals	721.00	738.26	732.00	46.1	45.6	48.8	15.64	16.19	15.00

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 216,300 during October, was up 1,300 from the revised estimate for September and up 2,000 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,200, was up 100 during the current period. Durable goods showed no change. Nondurable goods were up due to seasonal increases in sugar and confectionery products.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 1,200 during October. Transportation was down due to less business in services incidental to water transportation. Retail trade was up due to more business in lumber and other building material dealers, variety stores, department stores, men's and boy's clothing and furnishings stores, and used merchandise stores. Banking was down due to less business in commercial and stock savings banks. Services were up due to more business in personnel supply services, and nursing and personal care facilities. State government was up due to seasonal increases in colleges, universities, and professional schools.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,700 production workers in all manufacturing was $534.01, down $26.67 from the revised September average. Average weekly hours, at 43.1 were up 0.3 hours and average hourly earnings, at $12.39 were down $0.71 per hour. More overtime by lower paid employees contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents, at 247,600 during October was up 900 from the September estimate. Unemployment, at 23,200, was up 300 during the current period. The unemployment rate for October was 8.6 percent, compared to 8.5 percent for September and 10.7 percent for October a year ago. The current statewide rate is 10.1 percent and the national rate is 5.7 percent. The Baton Rouge civilian labor force was 270,800 during the current period.

Employment levels in retail trade and services are expected to continue their upward trend during the coming month while the unemployment rate should decline slightly.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 4,600 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 882 applicants in jobs during October.

The consumer price index for September, 1987 for all urban consumers was 344.4 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 339.1 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1987*	Sept. 1987**	October 1986**	Net Change From Sept. 1987	Net Change From October 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.5	52.5	53.6	0	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.3	5.2	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Durable Goods	2.8	2.7	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.6	2.1	+ 0.1	- 0.4
MINING	6.0	6.2	5.9	- 0.2	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.4	1.7	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	6.0	5.9	- 0.1	0
Water Transportation	3.9	4.0	3.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.7	13.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.7	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Retail Trade	10.9	11.0	10.4	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.4	3.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.4	2.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.2	8.4	8.2	- 0.2	0
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.1	10.8	+ 0.6	- 0.1
Federal	0.4	0.5	0.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	10.3	9.6	10.3	+ 0.7	0
State	3.3	2.8	3.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.2
Local	7.0	6.8	7.2	+ 0.2	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in October remained at the same level of 52,500 as shown in September. Seasonal gains, mostly in government, offset scattered decreases elsewhere.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500 in October, increasing 200 over the previous month. Durable goods gained 100 with increased activity in offshore oilfield work. The nondurable goods segment was up 100 over the previous month due to an increase in seafood processing. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 700.

Mining tapered off seasonally, mostly in oil and gas field services. Water transportation showed a small decrease. Services were lowered by a downturn in business services. Employment for banking eased down. Wholesale trade effected layoffs in the nondurable goods segment. In retail trade, eating and drinking places lost workers. More favorably, state government reflected a further autumn increase in state institutions of higher learning. Local government was boosted by a normal seasonal gain in employment by the public schools. Construction held steady.

Estimated unemployment in October remained at the same level of 8,800 as in September. An increase in the labor force helped to bring a small decrease in the unemployment rate. Unemployment presently comprises 12.1 percent of the labor force compared to 12.2 percent in October of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 1,285.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit a small seasonal overall gain. Trade will benefit from shopping for the holiday season. Unemployment is expected to show a small decrease as employment increases.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1987*	Sept. 1987**	October 1986**	Net Change From Sept. 1987	Net Change From October 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	83.8	82.7	85.0	+ 1.1	- 1.2
MANUFACTURING	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
MINING	11.1	11.1	11.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.2	3.7	- 0.1	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.4	6.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.9	22.0	22.8	- 0.1	- 0.9
Wholesale Trade	5.0	5.0	5.1	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Retail Trade	16.9	17.0	17.7	- 0.1	- 0.8
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Other Retail Trade	9.7	9.8	10.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	4.0	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.6	18.3	17.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	13.0	12.0	13.4	+ 1.0	- 0.4
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	12.2	11.2	12.5	+ 1.0	- 0.3
State	5.4	4.4	5.3	+ 1.0	+ 0.1
Local	6.8	6.8	7.2	0	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 83,800. This estimate is 1,100 above last month's estimate, but is still 1,200 below the October 1986 estimate.

Services increased by 300 in October due to an increase in the amusement and recreational and veterinary, animal specialty and landscape industries. Compared to a year ago, this economic group increased by 100.

Government rose by 1,000 in October in the state government sector due to the fall semester convening. The governmental sector showed a decrease of 400 from October of last year.

Construction, wholesale and retail trade sectors both had a decrease of 100 from the previous month.

All other sectors showed no change from last month's estimates.

For the next thirty days, employment should increase due to seasonal hiring and the unemployment rate should decrease.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1987*	Sept. 1987**	October 1986**	Net Change From Sept. 1987	Net Change From October 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.9	58.4	57.8	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	11.0	11.1	8.6	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	0.6	0	+ 2.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	0.4	0	+ 2.4
Nondurable Goods	8.0	8.1	8.0	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.2	7.3	7.2	- 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	5.0	4.7	6.2	+ 0.3	- 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.6	3.7	3.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.0	13.9	13.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	11.1	11.0	11.1	+ 0.1	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.6	10.4	10.8	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.5	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	9.9	9.8	9.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Local	6.2	6.1	6.2	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles labor market area in October was estimated at 58,900, an increase of 500 over the previous month. Compared to a year ago, Lake Charles LMA employment has increased by 1,100.

The construction sector showed an increase of 300 from the previous month, but is 1,200 below the October 1986 estimate.

Wholesale and retail trade rose by 100 and is up by 200 from a year ago. Services increased by 200 from last month's estimate due to seasonal fluctuations.

Other segments of the economy showed a slight decrease or no change.

Lake Charles employment should increase next month due to hiring for the holiday season.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1987*	Sept. 1987**	October 1986**	Net Change From Sept. 1987	Net Change From October 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.5	55.2	55.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.6	0	- 0.4
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
MINING	0.7	0.5	0.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.6	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	15.0	14.8	- 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.9	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.0	11.2	10.9	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.3	1.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.4	3.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.1	0	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.2	11.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.8	10.6	10.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
State	4.9	4.9	5.0	0	- 0.1
Local	5.9	5.7	5.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 300 employees to an estimated 55,500 during October. The gain was in nonmanufacturing.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was unchanged over the month, but was down 400 workers from one year ago.

Nonmanufacturing, estimated at 48,300, was 300 above the estimate for September. Mining, up 200, reflects an increase in drilling in the oil and gas industry. Government also increased by 200 as educational facilities began the fall semester. Construction showed a minimal gain of 100. Wholesale and retail trade was down 200. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

Over the next 30 days, employment should rise slightly as retail trade gears up for the upcoming holiday season and construction finishes outside projects before adverse weather conditions prevail. Unemployment should remain constant or decline slightly.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1987*	Sept. 1987**	October 1986**	Net Change From Sept. 1987	Net Change From October 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	510.6	510.2	515.2	+ 0.4	- 4.6
MANUFACTURING	42.6	42.2	43.8	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Durable Goods	20.9	20.7	21.0	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Transportation Equipment	12.2	12.1	12.2	+ 0.1	0
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.6	8.3	8.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	21.7	21.5	22.8	+ 0.2	- 1.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.7	6.5	7.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.7	3.7	4.0	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
MINING	16.8	16.8	16.2	0	+ 0.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.8	15.8	15.3	0	+ 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	23.5	23.7	25.1	- 0.2	- 1.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.8	42.8	42.0	0	+ 0.8
Railroad Transportation	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	11.8	11.7	11.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.9	133.6	135.4	- 0.7	- 2.5
Wholesale Trade	31.2	31.5	32.5	- 0.3	- 1.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.0	18.0	19.2	0	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.5	13.3	- 0.3	- 0.1
Retail Trade	101.7	102.1	102.9	- 0.4	- 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.4	33.4	33.9	0	- 0.5
Banking	7.1	7.1	7.3	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	133.9	133.7	133.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	84.7	84.0	85.4	+ 0.7	- 0.7
Federal	15.9	15.7	15.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
State and Local	68.8	68.3	69.9	+ 0.5	- 1.1
State	18.9	18.8	20.1	+ 0.1	- 1.2
Local	49.9	49.5	49.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$424.20	$434.42	$424.68	40.4	40.6	40.6	$10.50	$10.70	$10.46
Durable Goods	386.68	382.40	382.98	39.7	39.1	39.2	9.74	9.78	9.77
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	319.11	315.24	326.30	33.0	32.2	30.9	9.67	9.79	10.56
Fabricated Metal Products	418.71	395.84	458.35	43.3	42.2	43.2	9.67	9.38	10.61
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	364.77	357.20	371.30	38.6	37.6	39.5	9.45	9.50	9.40
Nondurable Goods	461.14	484.26	463.41	41.1	42.0	41.9	11.22	11.53	11.06
Food & Kindred Products	333.12	340.87	323.11	38.6	38.3	39.5	8.63	8.90	8.18
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	155.43	155.30	158.44	31.4	31.5	27.7	4.95	4.93	5.72
Paper & Allied Products	410.42	428.90	354.65	45.2	45.1	41.0	9.08	9.51	8.65
Printing & Publishing	359.30	388.94	370.66	40.1	42.6	41.6	8.96	9.13	8.91
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	715.12	737.24	693.00	44.5	44.6	46.2	16.07	16.53	15.00

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in October increased to 510,600, a level 400 above September. Gains in government and manufacturing offset decreases elsewhere. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 4,600 workers, with most industry divisions showing a decrease.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,600 in October, up 400 from the previous month. Durable goods showed an increase of 200 over the previous month. Other segments of transportation equipment showed minor decreases. Ship and boat building and repairing increased 300 due to an increase in government contracts. Other durable goods increased over the previous month due to increased hiring in the metal industry segments. Nondurable goods increased by 200 over the previous month; the food and kindred products segment was primarily responsible because of a seasonal increase in seafood processing. All other segments of nondurable goods were unchanged over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 1,200.

Local government was boosted by hires of city and parish administrative services. Federal government added workers in the other segment of government. Services showed gains in the hotel-motel industry and in private educational services. Partly offsetting gains, retail trade exhibited decreases mostly in employment by building material dealers and automotive dealers and service stations. Wholesale trade decreased in nondurable goods, mostly in food products. Construction adjusted downward seasonally. A small gain in transportation was offset by a minor decrease in public utilities. Mining held steady and finance, insurance and real estate showed no overall change.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $424.20 per week in October, down $10.22 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were down 12 minutes from the previous month, and average hourly earnings went down $0.20 over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $0.48 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in October increased to 55,400, a level 900 above September. The increase in the labor force was partly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.1 percent of the labor force compared to 8.9 percent in September and 11.2 percent in October of last year. The October rate was lower than the state rate of 10.1 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 10,756.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is predicted to show a small overall seasonal increase. Retail trade will increase from shopping for the holiday season. Services will benefit from the opening of the Fair Grounds racing season. Less favorably, mining and construction will be adversely affected by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably decrease slightly as employment increases.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1987*	Sept. 1987**	October 1986**	Net Change From Sept. 1987	Net Change From October 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.4	131.1	133.7	+ 0.3	- 2.3
MANUFACTURING	18.0	18.0	18.7	0	- 0.7
Durable Goods	12.8	12.8	13.3	0	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.5	7.6	7.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.9	6.0	6.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.7	4.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.2	5.2	5.4	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.9	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	3.1	3.2	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	8.0	8.2	7.1	- 0.2	+ 0.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.9	7.9	8.4	0	- 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.0	29.8	31.4	+ 0.2	- 1.4
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.1	7.9	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Retail Trade	22.8	22.7	23.5	+ 0.1	- 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.4	7.5	7.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
SERVICES	31.8	31.7	31.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	25.2	24.8	25.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.4	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	20.5	20.1	20.7	+ 0.4	- 0.2
State	6.3	6.3	6.2	0	+ 0.1
Local	14.2	13.8	14.5	+ 0.4	- 0.3

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**	October '87*	Sept. '87**	October '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$433.58	$462.52	$447.92	38.0	38.9	40.1	$11.41	$11.89	$11.17
Lumber and Wood Products	286.60	270.00	234.15	39.1	37.5	35.0	7.33	7.20	6.69
Metals and Machinery	475.47	473.45	452.23	40.5	40.5	41.0	11.74	11.69	11.03
Food and Kindred Products	307.31	335.55	318.59	38.9	42.8	41.7	7.90	7.84	7.64
Printing and Publishing	339.23	330.71	311.03	35.3	34.2	31.9	9.61	9.67	9.75
Petroleum and Coal Products	554.48	594.70	526.80	46.4	47.5	43.9	11.95	12.52	12.00

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 131,400 in October, increased from 131,100 in September, but was 2,300 less than October, 1986. Manufacturing employment for the Shreveport area was unchanged from the previous month and 700 less than one year ago.

Nonmanufacturing employment for this labor area increased from 113,100 in September to 113,400 in October, but remained 1,600 less than one year ago. Employment gains from September to October occurred in trade, services and government. Small employment losses for this period occurred in mining, construction, and finance, insurance, and real estate.

The Shreveport labor area had an estimated 13,700 production workers in manufacturing with average weekly earnings of $433.58, down from $462.52 in September, and $447.92 in October, 1986. Average weekly hours dropped to 38.0, down from 38.9 in September and 40.1 for the same period one year ago. Average hourly earnings declined $0.48 from the previous month and increased $0.24 over the year ago earnings.

The current civilian labor force, estimated at 167,300, consisting of 151,100 employed and 16,200 unemployed. The unemployment rate for October was 9.7 percent, up from 9.3 percent in September, but less than the year ago rate of 11.8 percent.

No significant changes are expected in employment or unemployment during the remainder of 1987. Seasonal employment gains in retail trade, during December, should help offset job losses in construction and other outdoor activities due to adverse weather conditions. Total unemployment for this area is expected to remain near the 16,000 level through December of this year.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED OCTOBER 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED NOVEMBER 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,973.0	1,765.9	207.1	10.5	1,994.6	1,790.1	204.5	10.3	1,980.7	1,714.6	266.1	13.4
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	62.6	57.0	5.6	8.9	62.9	57.7	5.2	8.4	61.1	54.7	6.4	10.4
Baton Rouge 2/	269.6	245.7	23.9	8.9	270.9	247.4	23.5	8.7	263.7	235.7	28.0	10.6
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	72.5	63.6	8.9	12.3	73.2	64.3	8.9	12.1	76.6	62.0	14.6	19.1
Lafayette 4/	101.9	91.3	10.6	10.4	103.3	92.5	10.8	10.4	106.2	89.7	16.5	15.5
Lake Charles 5/	77.5	68.2	9.3	12.1	78.3	69.0	9.3	11.9	74.4	63.8	10.6	14.3
Monroe 6/	71.5	64.9	6.6	9.2	71.5	65.3	6.2	8.7	70.5	63.0	7.5	10.6
New Orleans 7/	606.6	550.6	56.0	9.2	609.6	553.2	56.4	9.2	604.4	537.5	66.9	11.1
Shreveport 8/	167.6	150.6	17.0	10.1	167.9	151.5	16.4	9.7	168.9	147.6	21.3	12.6

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,511,200 for November, an increase of 600 from October's level but 2,900 lower than November a year ago. The nondurable goods segment of manufacturing accounted for most of the increase. Higher employment in the trade sector contributed to the increase in nonmanufacturing.

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During November, total employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing increased by 100 workers. Lumber and wood products employment was lower due to less business for sawmills and planing mills and in the wood buildings and mobile homes industry. Transportation equipment employment was higher due to more activity at the state's shipyards.

Total nondurable goods employment for November, at 95,300, was up by 400 over the October revised level, but a drop of 300 from November a year ago. A seasonal increase in food and kindred products payrolls, due to increased sugarcane processing, primarily accounted for the upward turn in nondurable goods employment.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries, at 1,339,100, was 100 above last month's level of 1,339,000 but 7,700 workers below the comparable period a year ago. Mining employment held steady for November. A decrease in heavy construction activity was most significant in the drop in construction payrolls. Less business at the state's ports contributed to the decrease in transportation and public utilities employment. Trade employment moved up due to increased hiring at department stores and specialty shops for the holiday season. Less business for insurance companies contributed to the decrease in the finance, insurance and real estate segment of nonmanufacturing. Growth in hotels and other lodging places employment was responsible in large part for the increase in services payrolls. Government employment was higher as a result of increases in state and local government.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 126,200 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $455.15 in October to $447.10 in November, a decrease of $8.05. Average hourly earnings, at $10.62, was $0.14 below last month's level but six cents above November of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.1 during November, a decrease of 0.2 hours from the October revised figure.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for November amounted to 207,100, an increase of 2,600 from the October revised level of 204,500. The unemployment rate for November was 10.5 percent, compared to 10.3 percent in October and 13.4 percent for November a year ago. The national unemployment rate for November was 5.6 percent, compared to 6.6 percent a year ago. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,994,600 in October to 1,973,000 in November, a decrease of 21,600. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,790,100 in October to 1,765,900 in November, a decrease of 24,200.

Louisiana's unemployment rate should be lower in December. Retail trade employment should continue to rise due to holiday shopping. Construction may fall due to adverse weather conditions.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change from Oct. 1987	Net Change from Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,511.2	1,510.6	1,514.1	+ 0.6	- 2.9
MINING	60.4	60.4	58.7	0	+ 1.7
Oil and Gas Extraction	57.6	57.6	55.8	0	+ 1.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	85.4	86.4	87.6	- 1.0	- 2.2
MANUFACTURING	172.1	171.6	167.3	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
Durable Goods	76.8	76.7	71.7	+ 0.1	+ 5.1
Lumber and Wood Products	11.8	12.0	12.3	- 0.2	- 0.5
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.9	0.8	- 0.1	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.9	6.0	5.9	- 0.1	0
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	12.8	12.7	11.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.3	9.3	8.5	0	+ 0.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.3	7.3	7.7	0	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	23.6	23.2	19.6	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	95.3	94.9	95.6	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	22.5	22.2	23.3	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.5	8.4	7.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	12.0	12.0	12.1	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.7	9.9	0	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.3	25.3	25.6	0	- 0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.7	12.8	12.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Petroleum Refining	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.6	4.5	4.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	107.1	107.6	105.9	- 0.5	+ 1.2
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.5	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.1	60.8	58.8	- 0.7	+ 1.3
Water Transportation	24.1	24.7	23.3	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.6	41.4	41.6	+ 0.2	0
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.4	18.3	18.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.2	23.1	22.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	361.7	360.7	368.0	+ 1.0	- 6.3
Wholesale Trade	80.0	79.8	82.5	+ 0.2	- 2.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.9	43.7	45.9	+ 0.2	- 2.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.1	36.1	36.6	0	- 0.5
Retail Trade	281.7	280.9	285.5	+ 0.8	- 3.8
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	60.4	59.4	60.9	+ 1.0	- 0.5
Food Stores	57.1	57.1	56.9	0	+ 0.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.5	30.1	30.5	- 0.6	- 1.0
Eating & Drinking Places	81.9	82.0	84.6	- 0.1	- 2.7
Other Retail Trade	52.8	52.3	52.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change from Oct. 1987	Net Change from Nov. 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	83.1	83.5	85.1	- 0.4	- 2.0
Banking	25.3	25.4	26.3	- 0.1	- 1.0
SERVICES	323.0	322.6	318.2	+ 0.4	+ 4.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.0	24.5	23.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
Personal Services	14.7	14.7	14.6	0	+ 0.1
Business Services	55.5	55.8	54.7	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.6	9.7	0	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.0	7.0	6.8	0	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.8	10.1	9.4	- 0.3	+ 0.4
Health Services	98.6	98.8	96.6	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Legal Services	15.2	15.2	14.5	0	+ 0.7
Educational Services	20.7	20.4	21.6	+ 0.3	- 0.9
Social Services	18.9	18.6	18.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.5	25.5	25.8	0	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	16.6	16.6	16.1	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	318.4	317.8	323.3	+ 0.6	- 4.9
Federal	35.7	35.6	35.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	282.7	282.2	287.5	+ 0.5	- 4.8
State	102.9	102.6	103.4	+ 0.3	- 0.5
Local	179.8	179.6	184.1	+ 0.2	- 4.3

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$447.10	$455.15	$448.80	42.1	42.3	42.5	$10.62	$10.76	$10.56
Durable Goods	403.76	409.08	392.50	41.2	41.7	40.8	9.80	9.81	9.62
Lumber & Wood Products	346.83	362.61	332.69	42.4	43.9	41.9	8.18	8.26	7.94
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	367.43	385.14	357.01	40.2	42.0	39.8	9.14	9.17	8.97
Fabricated Metal Products	437.30	441.15	391.86	45.6	45.2	42.0	9.59	9.76	9.33
Machinery, ex. Electrical	397.72	411.17	393.79	41.3	43.1	39.3	9.63	9.54	10.02
Electric & Electronic Equip.	471.86	460.54	493.70	37.9	37.2	40.6	12.45	12.38	12.16
Transportation Equipment	427.28	427.00	426.54	39.6	39.5	40.7	10.79	10.81	10.48
Nondurable Goods	486.76	496.78	495.63	43.0	42.9	43.9	11.32	11.58	11.29
Food & Kindred Products	337.05	335.40	325.57	45.0	43.0	43.7	7.49	7.80	7.45
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	200.83	202.99	207.24	38.4	37.8	39.4	5.23	5.37	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	565.39	596.30	586.95	41.0	44.6	43.0	13.79	13.37	13.65
Printing & Publishing	383.67	388.83	394.06	39.8	39.0	38.9	9.64	9.97	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	695.81	706.95	710.92	45.3	45.0	47.3	15.36	15.71	15.03
Petroleum & Coal Products	642.93	654.60	692.99	43.5	44.5	47.4	14.78	14.71	14.62
Petroleum Refining	649.26	667.37	707.55	43.4	44.7	48.1	14.96	14.93	14.71
MINING	552.25	550.35	538.47	47.0	47.2	46.3	11.75	11.66	11.63
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	535.92	529.14	520.49	40.6	40.3	40.6	13.20	13.13	12.82
BANKING	260.84	259.67	269.49	38.7	38.3	39.0	6.74	6.78	6.91

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 126,200 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 94,100 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 11 87				REVISED 10 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,550	20,300	3,250	13.8	24,375	20,925	3,450	14.2
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,950	8,725	1,225	12.2	10,075	8,900	1,175	11.6
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,150	4,750	1,400	22.8	6,375	5,050	1,325	20.8
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,325	13,800	2,525	15.5	17,125	14,625	2,500	14.6
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	15,600	13,975	1,625	10.4	15,650	13,975	1,675	10.7
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,575	5,900	675	10.4	6,725	6,075	650	9.8
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,475	3,900	575	12.9	4,625	4,075	550	12.0
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,550	4,100	450	10.1	5,025	4,575	450	9.2
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,500	3,700	800	17.7	4,800	4,100	700	14.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,850	7,075	775	10.0	7,975	7,225	750	9.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,050	8,800	1,250	12.4	10,475	9,325	1,150	11.0
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,975	11,625	1,350	10.3	13,400	12,075	1,325	9.9
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,200	3,600	600	14.1	4,475	3,975	500	11.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,900	8,000	900	10.2	9,150	8,225	925	10.0
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,775	12,075	1,700	12.4	14,250	12,500	1,750	12.3
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,475	7,250	1,225	14.5	8,925	7,850	1,075	12.0
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,925	6,125	800	11.6	7,025	6,300	725	10.3
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,550	22,525	4,025	15.1	27,575	23,325	4,250	15.4
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,900	10,075	1,825	15.4	12,150	10,325	1,825	15.1
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,650	7,025	625	8.1	7,675	7,100	575	7.4
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,400	11,550	1,850	13.8	14,125	12,150	1,975	14.0
JENA (LASALLE)	6,825	6,150	675	9.8	6,875	6,250	625	9.1
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,550	17,575	975	5.3	18,750	17,875	875	4.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,100	5,125	975	15.9	6,325	5,400	925	14.6
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,400	10,750	1,650	13.4	12,650	11,200	1,450	11.5
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,175	15,600	1,575	9.1	17,600	16,125	1,475	8.4
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,500	8,350	1,150	12.1	9,650	8,550	1,100	11.4
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,900	6,675	1,225	15.6	8,100	6,875	1,225	15.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,525	4,050	475	10.5	4,675	4,200	475	10.2
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,025	7,775	1,250	13.9	9,250	8,150	1,100	11.9
MANY (SABINE)	10,100	9,225	875	8.7	10,175	9,350	825	8.1
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,875	2,550	325	11.7	3,025	2,700	325	10.9
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,475	7,175	1,300	15.3	8,750	7,425	1,325	15.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,075	28,775	5,300	15.6	34,800	29,525	5,275	15.2
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,700	20,425	4,275	17.3	25,150	20,800	4,350	17.3
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	40,275	35,225	5,050	12.5	41,150	36,225	4,925	12.0
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,500	3,075	425	12.1	3,675	3,375	300	8.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,625	7,650	975	11.4	8,775	7,850	925	10.6
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	20,850	17,575	3,275	15.7	21,300	18,100	3,200	15.0
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	20,200	18,475	1,725	8.6	20,375	18,675	1,700	8.4
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,875	16,775	2,100	11.1	19,250	17,150	2,100	10.9
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,150	16,750	2,400	12.5	19,250	16,950	2,300	12.0
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,925	4,000	925	18.8	5,225	4,350	875	16.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,375	4,025	350	7.9	4,425	4,100	325	7.5
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,875	5,375	500	8.5	5,825	5,325	500	8.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.2	46.1	45.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.3	3.3	0	0
Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.6	2.5	- 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	10.9	10.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	8.7	8.8	+ 0.1	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.0	2.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.3	11.3	11.0	0	+ 0.3
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.8	12.9	+ 0.1	0
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.1	10.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
State	4.9	4.9	5.0	0	- 0.1
Local	5.3	5.2	5.3	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 46,200 for the month of November. This was 100 more than October and 400 more than November of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,300 during November. This estimate was unchanged since October and is the same as last November.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,900 during November. This estimate was 100 more than the previous month and 400 more than November of last year. Since last month, there was an estimated increase in retail trade and government, with a decline occurring in construction. Compared to last November, employment has increased in retail trade, services and federal government, with a decline occurring in state government.

Seasonal changes anticipated over the next thirty days include increased employment in retail trade and outdoor related employment being hampered by inclement weather. The number of unemployed is expected to increase with the total number of employed showing little change.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	215.8	215.9	214.4	- 0.1	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	19.3	19.2	19.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	4.3	4.2	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.7	0	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.0	15.0	15.0	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	20.9	20.6	20.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.0	53.2	52.5	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.2	11.1	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.5	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.9	3.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	41.9	42.0	41.4	- 0.1	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.1	13.3	13.6	- 0.2	- 0.5
Banking	3.8	3.8	4.1	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	42.4	42.5	41.1	- 0.1	+ 1.3
GOVERNMENT	55.8	55.8	56.6	0	- 0.8
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	53.6	53.6	54.4	0	- 0.8
State	32.3	32.4	33.1	- 0.1	- 0.8
Local	21.3	21.2	21.3	+ 0.1	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$525.53	$531.85	$515.39	42.9	43.1	42.7	$12.25	$12.34	$12.07
Petro-Chemicals	698.07	718.06	722.24	45.3	46.0	48.8	15.41	15.61	14.80

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 215,800 during November was down 100 from the revised estimate for October and up 1,400 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,300, was up 100 during the current period and 300 over the year ago estimate. Durable goods were up due to more business in iron and steel foundries and in secondary smelting and refining of nonferrous metals. Nondurable goods showed no change.

Total nonmanufacturing was down 200 during November. Construction was up due to more business in general building contractors - nonresidential buildings and in electrical contractors. Wholesale and retail trade were down due to less business in groceries and related products and in grocery stores. Finance, insurance and real estate were down due to declines in fire, marine and casualty insurance, and in insurance agents, brokers, and services. Services were down due to less business in legal services. State government showed a small decline while local government showed a small increase.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,900 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $525.53, down $6.32 from the revised October average. Average weekly hours, at 42.9, were down 0.2 hours; average hourly earnings, at $12.25, were down nine cents per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment for the Baton Rouge LMA's residents, at 245,700 during November, was down 1,300 from the revised October estimate. Unemployment, at 23,900, was up 400 during the current period. The unemployment rate for November was 8.9 percent, compared to 8.7 percent for October and 10.6 percent for November a year ago. The Baton Rouge civilian labor force was 269,600 during the current period.

Employment levels in retail trade are expected to show some increase during the coming month while the unemployment rate should show little change.

The Baton Rouge Job Service served 4,860 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 688 applicants in jobs during November.

The consumer price index for October, 1987 for all urban consumers was 345.3 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 340.0 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.7	52.7	53.1	0	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.6	5.1	- 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.1	0	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.9	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
MINING	6.0	6.0	6.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	5.9	5.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Water Transportation	4.0	3.9	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.6	13.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	10.9	11.0	10.4	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.3	3.1	- 0.2	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.3	8.3	7.9	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	10.9	0	- 0.3
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.2	10.4	0	- 0.2
State	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 0.2
Local	6.9	6.9	7.3	0	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in November remained at the same level of 52,700 as in October. Gains in transportation and public utilities offset scattered decreases elsewhere.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500 in November, down 100 over the previous month. Durable goods showed no change. The nondurable goods segment was down 100 over the previous month due to a decrease in seafood processing. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 600.

Transportation exhibited a small increase, with a sizable portion of it in water transportation. Retail trade was lowered by a seasonal downturn in employment in eating and drinking places. Mining held steady as the oil and gas industry pushed to take advantage of the remaining good weather before winter. Construction showed no change. Government displayed no significant change in any sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate remained on the same level. Services showed no change.

Estimated unemployment in November remained at the same level of 8,900 as in October. A decrease in the labor force due to seasonal factors helped bring a higher percentage of unemployment. Unemployment presently comprises 12.3 percent of the labor force compared to 12.1 percent in October and 19.1 percent in November of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 1,342.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show normal seasonal changes. Retail trade will probably move up in December as shopping for the holiday season nears its peak, and then adjust downward in January. Mining and construction will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably change little.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.9	58.9	56.9	0	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	10.9	11.0	8.6	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	2.9	3.0	0.6	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	0.4	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Nondurable Goods	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.7	4.9	5.1	- 0.2	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.7	3.6	3.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.0	14.0	14.2	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.1	11.1	11.4	0	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.8	10.7	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.6	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.0	9.9	9.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Local	6.3	6.2	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,900. This estimate was unchanged from the previous month, but is 2,000 above November 1986.

Construction fell by 200 since last month and is 400 below the November 1986 estimate. The services sector showed an increase of 100, due to seasonal factors, and has increased by 200 since last year. Government rose by 100 for the current month, primarily in the local government sector. Other sectors showed little or no change over the previous month.

Over the next thirty days, employment should increase and the unemployment rate should remain the same.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	83.8	83.7	85.2	+ 0.1	- 1.4
MANUFACTURING	6.0	5.9	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.8	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	11.0	11.1	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.3	3.1	3.5	+ 0.2	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.3	6.4	6.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.1	21.9	22.9	+ 0.2	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	5.1	5.0	5.1	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.0	2.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	17.0	16.9	17.8	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.8	3.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	9.7	9.7	10.3	0	- 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	4.0	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.2	18.4	17.8	- 0.2	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	13.0	13.0	13.6	0	- 0.6
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	12.2	12.2	12.7	0	- 0.5
State	5.3	5.4	5.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Local	6.9	6.8	7.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette labor market area was estimated at 83,800, an increase of 100 from the previous month, but 1,400 below November of last year.

Manufacturing increased by 100 in the food and kindred products sector due to normal seasonal fluctuations.

Construction showed an increase of 200 for November, but is still 200 below last year's estimate. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 200 for November due to seasonal hiring. Services decreased by 200 from the previous month due to seasonal changes, but is still 400 above November 1986 figure. The remaining segments of the economy showed little or no change from the previous month.

The unemployment rate in the Lafayette LMA will remain about the same for the next month, but will probably increase after the first of the year due to bad weather and the end of the holiday season.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.9	55.4	55.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	7.4	7.2	7.5	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.2	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.0	4.9	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.5	3.6	+ 0.1	0
MINING	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.7	2.9	- 0.2	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.1	14.7	15.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	11.3	10.9	11.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.1	2.9	3.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.3	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.3	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.1	0	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.7	11.6	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	11.1	11.0	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
State	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Local	6.0	5.9	5.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 500 during mid-November to an estimated 55,900. This was a gain of 800 from the same period a year ago.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,400, was 200 above the October estimate. Minimal gains were experienced by durable goods and nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing was up 300 over the month. Wholesale and retail trade increased by 400 workers as retail establishments prepared for the holiday season. Government rose by 100 as additional youths were placed in special work projects in local educational institutions. The only loss, 200, was in construction reflecting the completion of projects in anticipation of adverse winter weather conditions. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

Employment is expected to rise slightly over the holiday season. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.9	511.3	517.1	+ 0.6	- 5.2
MANUFACTURING	42.2	42.1	44.4	+ 0.1	- 2.2
Durable Goods	20.6	20.5	21.5	+ 0.1	- 0.9
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.6	0	- 0.3
Machinery	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
Transportation Equipment	12.1	12.0	12.5	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.3	8.2	8.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.6	21.6	22.9	0	- 1.3
Food & Kindred Products	6.6	6.6	7.2	0	- 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.7	3.7	4.0	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
MINING	16.0	16.3	16.2	- 0.3	- 0.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.0	15.3	15.3	- 0.3	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	23.2	23.4	24.3	- 0.2	- 1.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.0	43.2	42.2	- 0.2	+ 0.8
Railroad Transportation	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	12.0	12.2	11.2	- 0.2	+ 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.5	133.5	136.7	+ 1.0	- 2.2
Wholesale Trade	31.4	31.4	32.4	0	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.1	18.0	18.9	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.3	13.4	13.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	103.1	102.1	104.3	+ 1.0	- 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.5	33.6	33.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	134.9	135.0	133.9	- 0.1	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	84.6	84.2	85.6	+ 0.4	- 1.0
Federal	15.8	15.6	15.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
State and Local	68.8	68.6	70.1	+ 0.2	- 1.3
State	18.9	18.7	20.4	+ 0.2	- 1.5
Local	49.9	49.9	49.7	0	+ 0.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$427.22	$430.36	$436.95	41.0	40.6	41.3	$10.42	$10.60	$10.58
Durable Goods	382.57	386.31	391.05	39.4	39.5	39.7	9.71	9.78	9.85
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	312.84	303.04	317.05	33.0	32.0	31.8	9.48	9.47	9.97
Fabricated Metal Products	398.67	418.71	468.00	41.1	43.3	41.6	9.70	9.67	11.25
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	359.29	365.16	379.89	38.8	38.6	40.5	9.26	9.46	9.38
Nondurable Goods	470.05	472.58	478.24	42.5	41.6	42.7	11.06	11.36	11.20
Food & Kindred Products	357.75	336.96	338.00	40.7	39.0	40.0	8.79	8.64	8.45
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	154.80	149.82	183.04	31.4	30.7	33.1	4.93	4.88	5.53
Paper & Allied Products	434.02	409.50	387.00	45.4	45.0	43.0	9.56	9.10	9.00
Printing & Publishing	350.69	359.70	374.74	42.1	40.1	40.6	8.33	8.97	9.23
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	731.73	744.56	721.05	46.4	45.4	47.5	15.77	16.40	15.18

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in November increased to 511,900, a level 600 above October. Gains in retail trade and government offset decreases elsewhere. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 5,200 workers, with decreases in all divisions except services and transportation and public utilities.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,200 in November, up 100 from the previous month. Durable goods showed an increase of 100 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing was responsible for the increase. All other industries in manufacturing remained steady.

Retail trade showed seasonal increases mainly in eating and drinking establishments, food stores, and apparel stores. Wholesale trade remained steady. Government was boosted by hires in the federal and state segments. Less favorably, mining showed a seasonal decrease. Construction made normal downward adjustments. Water transportation reflected a normal downward fluctuation in local port activity. Employment by insurance carriers sustained a mild downward trend. Services were lowered by minor decreases in miscellaneous services and private educational services.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $427.22 per week in November, down $3.14 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were up 50 minutes from the previous month, and average hourly earnings went down $0.18 over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $9.73 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in November decreased to 56,000, a level 400 below October. A decrease in the labor force was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.2 percent of the labor force compared to 9.2 percent in October and 11.1 percent in November of last year. The November rate was lower than the state rate of 10.5 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 10,268.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall increase. Wholesale and retail trade will increase for the holiday season and then adjust downward in January. Amusement services will benefit from the opening of the racing season and interest in other sports and cultural activities. Unemployment will probably show a small decrease as employment increases.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Net Change From Oct. 1987	Net Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.9	131.6	134.0	+ 0.3	- 2.1
MANUFACTURING	18.1	18.1	18.5	0	- 0.4
Durable Goods	13.0	12.9	13.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.7	7.6	7.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.6	1.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.0	6.0	6.2	0	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.1	5.2	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.7	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	7.9	8.0	7.4	- 0.1	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.9	7.9	8.4	0	- 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.3	30.1	31.5	+ 0.2	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.2	7.8	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	23.0	22.9	23.7	+ 0.1	- 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.4	7.4	7.7	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	31.8	31.7	32.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	25.4	25.3	25.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.4	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	20.7	20.6	20.7	+ 0.1	0
State	6.4	6.4	6.2	0	+ 0.2
Local	14.3	14.2	14.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$443.10	$451.04	$478.58	38.8	40.2	41.4	$11.42	$11.22	$11.56
Lumber and Wood Products	216.13	286.60	203.61	33.2	39.1	33.0	6.51	7.33	6.17
Metals and Machinery	457.02	468.71	566.19	39.5	40.9	46.6	11.57	11.46	12.15
Food and Kindred Products	316.71	307.31	312.77	40.5	38.9	41.1	7.82	7.90	7.61
Printing and Publishing	328.26	339.23	300.63	34.7	35.3	32.5	9.46	9.61	9.25
Petroleum and Coal Products	570.18	554.48	546.54	44.2	46.4	42.4	12.90	11.95	12.89

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport area was estimated at 131,900 for November, an increase of 300 from October and a loss of 2,100 from November of last year.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,100, remained unchanged from the October total, but falls 400 below the November 1986 total. Employment gains in primary and fabricated metals during the past month were offset by job losses in food and kindred products.

Increased employment in the nonmanufacturing segment occurred in trade, services, and government. Wholesale and retail trade employment, estimated at 30,300, moved up from 30,100 in October, while services indicated a slight increase from 31,700 in October to 31,800 in November. Employment in local government increased from 14,200 to 14,300.

An estimated 13,500 production workers in the Shreveport labor area had average weekly earnings of $443.10, down from $451.04 in October and $478.58 in November 1986. Average weekly hours dropped to 38.8 hours, a decrease from both the October average of 40.2 and the November 1986 average of 41.4. The average hourly earnings of $11.42 were up from $11.22 in October, but had declined from the year ago average of $11.56.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport labor area includes 150,600 employed and 17,000 unemployed. The unemployment rate for November increased to 10.1 percent, up from 9.7 percent in October. The unemployment total for one year ago was 21,300 and the unemployment rate was 12.6 percent.

The December employment estimates will likely show a smaller seasonal increase in trade, while construction employment will reflect the repair of storm damage in this area. Total unemployment is expected to show a slight increase.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1987

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	2,097	1,756	341	31	28	3	29	22	7
Contractural Construction (15-17)	10,583	7,709	2,874	302	248	54	1,797	1,395	402
Manufacturing (20-29)	4,361	2,399	1,962	77	50	27	236	133	103
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	2,414	1,450	964	68	46	22	258	158	100
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,481	1,084	397	58	38	20	176	122	54
Retail Trade (52-59)	7,349	4,472	2,877	222	148	74	765	409	356
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,595	1,243	352	34	30	4	230	175	55
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	9,527	5,426	4,101	235	141	94	987	559	428
Public Administration (91-97)	1,305	629	98	50	26	24	164	73	91
All Others	221	123	676	-	-	-	58	26	32
Totals	40,933	26,291	14,642	1,077	755	322	4,700	3,072	1,628
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	5,554	4,467	1,087	130	115	15	657	490	167
Clerical and Sales	9,683	7,020	2,663	270	198	72	1,165	824	341
Services Occupations	4,757	1,516	3,241	161	60	101	463	129	334
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	552	201	351	11	8	3	18	15	3
Processing Occupations	743	389	354	4	2	2	78	40	38
Machine Trades	1,941	1,426	515	68	57	11	192	151	41
Benchwork Occupations	960	450	510	16	14	2	48	37	11
Structural Work Occupations	10,657	7,467	3,190	284	226	58	1,629	1,142	487
Miscellaneous Occupations	6,086	3,355	2,731	133	75	58	450	244	206
Totals	40,933	26,291	14,642	1,077	755	322	4,700	3,072	1,628

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1987

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	212	179	33	346	301	45	47	41	6
Contractural Construction (15-17)	340	302	38	267	188	79	791	662	129
Manufacturing (20-29)	234	176	58	170	109	61	174	93	81
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	132	115	17	84	64	20	179	83	96
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	68	53	15	110	87	23	64	58	6
Retail Trade (52-59)	272	211	61	372	265	107	304	207	97
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	59	52	7	96	79	17	46	39	7
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	278	207	71	424	296	128	363	226	137
Public Administration (91-97)	40	26	14	48	31	17	28	21	7
All Others	9	5	4	12	9	3	1	1	-
Totals	1,644	1,326	318	1,929	1,429	500	1,997	1,431	566
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	235	211	24	346	316	30	214	177	37
Clerical and Sales	302	259	43	611	499	112	372	302	70
Services Occupations	162	82	80	230	104	126	159	53	106
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	14	8	6	8	5	3	51	7	44
Processing Occupations	57	30	27	38	22	16	56	36	20
Machine Trades	76	71	5	88	72	16	72	61	11
Benchwork Occupations	15	11	4	36	16	20	27	20	7
Structural Work Occupations	498	419	79	273	192	81	710	604	106
Miscellaneous Occupations	285	235	50	299	203	96	336	171	165
Totals	1,644	1,326	318	1,929	1,429	500	1,997	1,431	566

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1987

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	25	20	5	240	169	71	127	108	19
Contractural Construction (15-17)	386	326	60	2,385	1,517	868	548	352	196
Manufacturing (20-29)	76	53	23	1,122	607	515	574	274	300
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	46	28	18	974	482	492	173	110	63
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	26	25	1	431	287	144	192	136	56
Retail Trade (52-59)	357	229	128	2,314	1,229	1,085	850	452	398
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	48	34	14	646	460	186	171	135	36
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	247	139	108	3,724	1,909	1,815	784	407	377
Public Administration (91-97)	26	14	12	358	125	233	111	44	67
All Others	2	2	-	78	40	38	7	3	4
Totals	1,239	870	369	12,272	6,825	5,447	3,537	2,021	1,516
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	197	164	33	2,075	1,566	509	452	391	61
Clerical and Sales	369	278	91	3,302	2,105	1,197	974	686	288
Services Occupations	143	42	101	1,733	428	1,305	486	95	391
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	8	3	5	86	33	53	37	12	25
Processing Occupations	10	6	4	180	85	95	39	20	19
Machine Trades	54	36	18	541	381	160	254	130	124
Benchwork Occupations	18	12	6	300	84	216	139	61	78
Structural Work Occupations	282	240	42	2,373	1,434	939	637	389	248
Miscellaneous Occupations	158	89	69	1,682	709	973	519	237	282
Totals	1,239	870	369	12,272	6,825	5,447	3,537	2,021	1,516

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 1987				REVISED NOVEMBER 1987				REVISED DECEMBER 1986			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,952.4	1,739.6	212.8	10.9	1,976.2	1,766.0	210.2	10.6	1,961.0	1,698.5	262.5	13.4
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	62.2	56.4	5.8	9.3	62.8	57.2	5.6	9.0	60.5	54.2	6.3	10.4
Baton Rouge 2/	268.2	243.2	25.0	9.3	269.9	245.6	24.3	9.0	263.8	235.6	28.2	10.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	71.4	62.4	9.0	12.6	72.3	63.3	9.0	12.4	75.9	61.7	14.2	18.7
Lafayette 4/	101.4	90.8	10.6	10.4	102.6	91.9	10.7	10.5	104.3	88.3	16.0	15.3
Lake Charles 5/	77.3	68.0	9.3	12.0	77.8	68.3	9.5	12.2	73.9	63.3	10.6	14.4
Monroe 6/	70.9	64.2	6.7	9.5	71.8	65.0	6.8	9.4	70.5	63.1	7.4	10.5
New Orleans 7/	601.4	544.9	56.5	9.4	607.0	550.0	57.0	9.4	598.7	533.7	65.0	10.9
Shreveport 8/	165.3	147.6	17.7	10.7	167.6	150.5	17.1	10.2	167.0	145.7	21.3	12.8

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the state during December was estimated at 1,512,000, an increase of 1,100 employees from November's revised level and 2,600 above December a year ago. An increase in retail trade payrolls was mostly responsible for the higher level of employment in nonmanufacturing for December. Manufacturing employment was lower for the current month mainly due to the decrease in the nondurable segment.

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Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 77,300 for December, was 600 higher than the November revised figure and 6,200 above the year ago figure. An increase in transportation equipment was centered in the ship and boat building and repairing segment. Employment edged up for fabricated metal products, machinery, excluding electrical, electric and electronic equipment and other durable goods.

Total nondurable goods employment for December, at 93,800, was down by 1,200 from the November revised level and down 1,400 from last month's level. A seasonal decrease in food and kindred products employment was due to less activity in vegetable canning and sugarcane processing.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during December was estimated at 1,340,900, up 1,700 from November's revised level but 2,200 below the comparable period a year ago. Mining employment was up due to an increase in the exploration for oil and gas. Construction lost 100 employees. Less business for the state's ports was largely responsible for the decrease in transportation and public utilities. Trade employment for December was up as both wholesale and retail segments experienced increases. The upturn in finance, insurance and real estate employment was due to increased business for credit agencies other than banks. Decreases in business services, amusement and recreation services, and educational services contributed to the downward fluctuation of services employment. The increase in government employment was centered in state education.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 124,600 production workers in manufacturing increased from $448.38 in November to $457.10 in December, an increase of $8.72, but a decrease of $0.21 from December of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.13 higher in December than last month, and seven cents higher than December a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 42.6 during December, an increase of 0.3 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 212,800 in December, an increase of 2,600 above the November revised level of 210,200. The unemployment rate for December was 10.9 percent compared to 10.6 percent for last month and 13.4 percent for December a year ago. The comparable national unemployment rate for December was 5.4 percent compared to 5.6 percent in November and 6.3 percent for December of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,976,200 in November to 1,952,400 in December, a decrease of 23,800. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,766,000 in November to 1,739,600 in December, a drop of 26,400.

The state's unemployment rate should increase in the upcoming months. Nonmanufacturing and manufacturing employment is expected to fall in January.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,512.0	1,510.9	1,509.4	+ 1.1	+ 2.6
MINING	60.9	60.4	58.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.3
Oil and Gas Extraction	58.1	57.6	55.8	+ 0.5	+ 2.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	85.2	85.3	85.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
MANUFACTURING	171.1	171.7	166.3	- 0.6	+ 4.8
Durable Goods	77.3	76.7	71.1	+ 0.6	+ 6.2
Lumber and Wood Products	11.8	11.8	12.0	0	- 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.8	5.9	6.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	12.9	12.8	11.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.4	9.3	8.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.4	7.3	7.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	23.8	23.5	19.7	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.3	2.2	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	93.8	95.0	95.2	- 1.2	- 1.4
Food & Kindred Products	21.1	22.1	22.6	- 1.0	- 1.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.4	8.5	8.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Paper & Allied Products	12.1	12.1	12.1	0	0
Printing & Publishing	9.6	9.7	9.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.3	25.3	25.6	0	- 0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.8	12.7	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Petroleum Refining	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.5	4.6	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	106.4	106.8	105.9	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Railroad Transportation	5.3	5.3	5.5	0	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	59.7	60.2	59.0	- 0.5	+ 0.7
Water Transportation	23.7	24.2	23.2	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.4	41.3	41.4	+ 0.1	0
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.1	18.1	18.5	0	- 0.4
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.3	23.2	22.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	365.5	361.8	369.8	+ 3.7	- 4.3
Wholesale Trade	80.3	80.0	81.9	+ 0.3	- 1.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	44.1	43.8	45.5	+ 0.3	- 1.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.2	36.2	36.4	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	285.2	281.8	287.9	+ 3.4	- 2.7
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	63.4	60.8	63.8	+ 2.6	- 0.4
Food Stores	57.3	57.1	57.5	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.4	29.5	30.1	- 0.1	- 0.7
Eating & Drinking Places	81.7	81.7	83.6	0	- 1.9
Other Retail Trade	53.4	52.7	52.9	+ 0.7	+ 0.5

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Net Change from Nov. 1987	Net Change from Dec. 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	83.4	83.3	84.7	+ 0.1	- 1.3
Banking	25.2	25.3	26.1	- 0.1	- 0.9
SERVICES	320.2	322.7	315.6	- 2.5	+ 4.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.9	24.9	22.9	0	+ 2.0
Personal Services	14.6	14.7	14.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Business Services	54.4	55.0	54.1	- 0.6	+ 0.3
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.4	9.7	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.2	7.0	6.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.9	9.8	8.9	- 0.9	0
Health Services	98.7	98.6	96.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Legal Services	15.0	15.2	14.4	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Educational Services	20.1	21.2	21.6	- 1.1	- 1.5
Social Services	19.1	18.9	18.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Membership Organizations	25.3	25.6	25.4	- 0.3	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	16.5	16.5	16.1	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	319.3	318.9	322.8	+ 0.4	- 3.5
Federal	35.6	35.6	36.1	0	- 0.5
State and Local	283.7	283.3	286.7	+ 0.4	- 3.0
State	103.4	102.9	102.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Local	180.3	180.4	183.8	- 0.1	- 3.5

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$457.10	$448.38	$457.31	42.6	42.3	42.9	$10.73	$10.60	$10.66
Durable Goods	410.18	403.50	402.27	42.2	41.3	41.6	9.72	9.77	9.67
Lumber & Wood Products	358.28	347.65	335.24	43.8	42.5	41.8	8.18	8.18	8.02
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	368.15	365.60	353.19	40.4	40.0	37.1	9.09	9.14	9.52
Fabricated Metal Products	439.53	432.06	418.61	45.5	45.1	45.9	9.66	9.58	9.12
Machinery, ex. Electrical	402.04	403.18	455.27	43.7	42.8	43.4	9.20	9.42	10.49
Electric & Electronic Equip.	464.36	471.86	451.91	38.0	37.9	38.2	12.22	12.45	11.83
Transportation Equipment	441.41	428.65	437.85	41.1	39.8	41.7	10.74	10.77	10.50
Nondurable Goods	498.93	487.03	502.92	42.9	43.1	44.0	11.63	11.30	11.43
Food & Kindred Products	316.35	324.41	332.51	41.9	44.5	44.1	7.55	7.29	7.54
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	210.50	200.83	215.74	39.2	38.4	40.4	5.37	5.23	5.34
Paper & Allied Products	591.82	577.40	588.07	44.1	42.3	43.4	13.42	13.65	13.55
Printing & Publishing	389.50	387.20	391.02	38.0	40.0	38.6	10.25	9.68	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	713.44	698.98	717.78	45.5	45.3	46.7	15.68	15.43	15.37
Petroleum & Coal Products	670.21	644.84	689.30	44.8	43.6	46.2	14.96	14.79	14.92
Petroleum Refining	676.85	651.20	705.09	44.5	43.5	47.1	15.21	14.97	14.97
MINING	565.25	552.46	564.04	47.1	47.3	47.2	11.90	11.68	11.95
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	504.78	535.60	512.23	39.1	40.0	39.8	12.91	13.39	12.87
BANKING	262.33	260.84	269.70	37.8	37.8	39.2	6.94	6.74	6.88

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 124,600 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 94,200 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 12 87				REVISED 11 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,200	19,900	3,300	14.2	23,625	20,350	3,275	13.8
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,800	8,575	1,225	12.5	9,850	8,625	1,225	12.5
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,175	4,525	1,650	26.7	6,175	4,775	1,400	22.8
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,650	12,925	2,725	17.5	16,325	13,775	2,550	15.7
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	15,200	13,550	1,650	10.9	15,475	13,850	1,625	10.5
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,550	5,800	750	11.5	6,600	5,900	700	10.6
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,425	3,825	600	13.6	4,525	3,925	600	13.2
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,475	4,000	475	10.8	4,575	4,100	475	10.2
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,375	3,450	925	21.2	4,500	3,700	800	17.9
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,825	7,025	800	10.1	7,875	7,075	800	10.0
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,775	8,375	1,400	14.4	10,075	8,825	1,250	12.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,850	11,375	1,475	11.5	13,000	11,650	1,350	10.4
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,350	3,500	850	19.4	4,225	3,625	600	14.2
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,750	7,775	975	11.1	8,925	8,000	925	10.2
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,125	11,425	1,700	13.0	13,825	12,100	1,725	12.5
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,225	6,925	1,300	15.8	8,525	7,275	1,250	14.6
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,775	5,900	875	12.9	6,875	6,050	825	11.9
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,100	22,200	3,900	14.9	26,650	22,575	4,075	15.3
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,775	9,925	1,850	15.8	11,950	10,100	1,850	15.5
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,700	7,000	700	9.1	7,625	7,000	625	8.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,050	11,200	1,850	14.3	13,450	11,575	1,875	13.9
JENA (LASALLE)	6,700	6,025	675	9.9	6,850	6,175	675	9.9
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,225	17,250	975	5.3	18,600	17,600	1,000	5.4
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,925	4,900	1,025	17.4	6,100	5,125	975	15.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,300	10,475	1,825	14.8	12,500	10,775	1,725	13.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,000	15,300	1,700	10.0	17,225	15,625	1,600	9.3
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,350	8,200	1,150	12.3	9,525	8,350	1,175	12.2
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,825	6,425	1,400	17.8	7,925	6,675	1,250	15.8
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,675	3,950	725	15.4	4,550	4,075	475	10.6
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,800	7,450	1,350	15.3	9,075	7,775	1,300	14.3
MANY (SABINE)	10,050	9,125	925	9.3	10,100	9,200	900	8.9
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,825	2,450	375	12.9	2,875	2,550	325	11.6
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,450	7,075	1,375	16.2	8,525	7,200	1,325	15.4
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,650	28,350	5,300	15.8	34,200	28,850	5,350	15.7
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,175	20,075	4,100	17.0	24,775	20,475	4,300	17.4
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,700	34,550	5,150	13.0	40,400	35,300	5,100	12.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,300	2,850	450	13.8	3,500	3,075	425	12.1
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,475	7,450	1,025	12.1	8,675	7,675	1,000	11.6
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	20,375	17,100	3,275	16.1	20,900	17,600	3,300	15.8
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,650	17,925	1,725	8.8	20,075	18,300	1,775	8.8
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,625	16,500	2,125	11.4	18,925	16,775	2,150	11.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,050	16,525	2,525	13.3	19,150	16,725	2,425	12.6
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,875	3,750	1,125	23.1	4,975	4,000	975	19.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,325	3,950	375	8.7	4,400	4,050	350	7.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,825	5,275	550	9.3	5,925	5,400	525	8.7

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.4	46.4	46.2	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.3	11.1	11.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	9.1	8.9	9.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.1	2.3	+ 0.2	0
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.6	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.3	11.4	11.0	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.4	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.9	12.9	- 0.2	- 0.2
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.0	10.2	10.3	- 0.2	- 0.3
State	4.8	4.9	5.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Local	5.2	5.3	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 46,400 for the month of December. This was the same as November and 200 more than December of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,300 during December. This estimate was unchanged since November and 100 less than December of last year. The change occurred in lumber and wood products.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 43,100 during December. This estimate was the same as November and 300 more than last December. Since last month there were increases in retail trade and finance, insurance, and real estate with corresponding losses occurring in government and services. Since December of last year, employment has increased in wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; services; and federal government. Employment declines occurred in state and local government, and construction.

During the next thirty days seasonal changes are anticipated, with employment in retail sales and outdoor related employment declining.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Net Change From Nov. 1987	Net Change From Dec. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	216.3	216.1	214.3	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	19.2	19.3	19.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.0	0	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.7	0	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.9	15.0	15.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	2.0	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	21.4	20.9	20.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.6	53.3	52.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade	11.3	11.3	11.1	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.4	7.4	7.5	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.6	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	42.3	42.0	41.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.2	13.3	13.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	3.7	3.8	4.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
SERVICES	42.1	42.3	41.3	- 0.2	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	55.5	55.7	56.5	- 0.2	- 1.0
Federal	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	53.2	53.5	54.3	- 0.3	- 1.1
State	32.0	32.3	33.0	- 0.3	- 1.0
Local	21.2	21.2	21.3	0	- 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**
11 MANUFACTURING (1)	$543.15	$526.38	$513.36	42.5	42.9	41.5	$12.78	$12.27	$12.37
Petro-Chemicals	727.89	701.61	721.43	46.6	45.5	47.4	15.62	15.42	15.22

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 216,300 during December, was up 200 from the revised estimate for November and up 2,000 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,200, was down 100 during the current period and up 200 over the year ago estimate. Durable goods showed no change. Nondurable goods were down due to seasonal drops in sugar and confectionery products.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 300 during December. Construction was up due to more business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction and in miscellaneous special trade contractors. Retail trade was up due to more business in department stores. Finance, insurance and real estate were down due to less business in commercial and stock savings banks. Services were down due to less business in automotive repair shops, in miscellaneous amusement and recreation services, and in nursing and personal care facilities. State government was down due to staff reductions in nursing and personal care facilities, in elementary and secondary schools, and in other state government agencies.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,500 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $543.15, up $16.77 from the revised November average. Average weekly hours, at 42.5, were down 0.4 hours, and average hourly earnings were up $0.51 per hour. More overtime by higher paid employees in the petro-chemical industry contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents, at 243,200 during December, was down 2,400 from the revised November estimate. Unemployment, at 25,000, was up 700 during the current period. The unemployment rate was 9.3 percent, compared to 9.0 percent for November and 10.7 percent for December a year ago. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force was 269,600 during the current period.

Seasonal drops in employment and increases in unemployment is expected during the coming months.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,875 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 670 applicants in jobs during December.

The consumer price index for November, 1987 for all urban consumers was 345.8 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 340.4 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.3	52.4	53.4	- 0.1	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.4	5.1	- 0.1	- 0.8
Durable Goods	2.8	2.7	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.7	2.0	- 0.2	- 0.5
MINING	5.9	6.0	6.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	6.1	6.0	0	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	4.0	4.0	3.7	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.4	13.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.9	10.8	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.1	3.2	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.3	8.2	7.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.7	11.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.3	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
State	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
Local	6.9	7.0	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in December was 52,300, down 100 from November. Decreases in manufacturing, mining and government offset scattered increases elsewhere.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,300 in December, down 100 over the previous month. Durable goods was up 100 from the previous month. The nondurable goods segment was down 200 over the previous month due to decreases in the seafood industry and sugar cane processing. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 800.

Mining eased down as the oil and gas industry made adjustments necessitated by winter weather conditions. Construction showed no overall change. Transportation and public utilities held steady. Retail trade displayed a normal seasonal upturn, mostly in general merchandise and apparel stores. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited no change over the previous month. Services were boosted by an overall seasonal increase spread through several segments. Local government tapered off slightly.

Estimated unemployment in December remained at the same level of 9,000 as in November. A decrease in the labor force due to seasonal factors helped bring a higher percentage of unemployment. Unemployment presently comprises 12.6 percent of the labor force compared to 12.4 percent in November and 18.7 percent in December of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 1,328.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Retail trade will make typical downward adjustments following the close of the holiday season. Construction and mining will be hindered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably show some increase.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Net Change From Nov. 1987	Net Change From Dec. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	84.6	84.3	84.6	+ 0.3	0
MANUFACTURING	6.0	6.1	5.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.7	4.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	11.0	11.0	11.4	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.3	6.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.4	22.1	22.5	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	17.4	17.1	17.6	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.1	3.0	3.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	9.9	9.7	10.1	+ 0.2	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	4.0	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.3	18.3	17.6	0	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	13.2	13.2	13.5	0	- 0.3
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	12.4	12.4	12.6	0	- 0.2
State	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 0.2
Local	6.9	6.9	7.3	0	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette labor market area was estimated at 84,600, an increase of 300 from the previous month, but 300 below the December 1986 figure.

Transportation and public utilities increased by 100 from November's estimate but is still down by 200 from a year ago. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 300 due to seasonal hiring. All other segments of the economy showed little or no change from the November 1987 estimate.

The unemployment rate should increase slightly next month due to inclement weather and the end of the Christmas season.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Net Change From Nov. 1987	Net Change From Dec. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.2	58.9	56.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
MANUFACTURING	11.0	10.9	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	0.6	0	+ 2.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	0.4	0	+ 2.3
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.0	8.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.2	7.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.9	4.7	5.0	+ 0.2	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.0	14.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.2	11.1	11.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.3	2.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.7	10.8	10.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.5	0.6	+ 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.7	10.7	0	0
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.0	10.0	10.0	0	0
State	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Local	6.3	6.3	6.3	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 59,200, an increase of 300 from last month's estimate and 2,100 above the December 1986 figure.

Manufacturing showed an increase of 100 in the chemical and petroleum products sector, and an increase of 2,300 since last year. Construction showed an increase of 200 for December, but is still 300 below last year's estimate. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 100 for this month due to seasonal hiring. The remaining segments of the economy showed little or no change from the previous month.

Unemployment should remain close to the current level for the next thirty days.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Net Change From Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.9	55.9	55.9	0	0
MANUFACTURING	7.3	7.2	7.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.0	4.8	5.1	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.4	3.6	+ 0.2	0
MINING	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.5	3.0	0	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.3	15.3	15.4	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	11.5	11.5	11.6	0	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.4	3.2	3.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.2	1.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.4	11.5	11.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.8	11.7	11.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	11.2	11.1	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State	5.2	5.1	5.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	6.0	6.0	5.8	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 55,900, was unchanged from the November estimate.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,300, was up 100 workers over the month, but was 200 below a year ago.

Nonagricultural employment was down minimally, 100, over the month, but showed a gain of 200 for the year. Government, with a minimal gain of 100, was the only industry segment experiencing a gain. Services and transportation and public utilities each had losses of 100. Over the year, services and government experienced the largest gains, 400 each. Construction over the year lost an estimated 500 employees.

Over the next 30 days, employment is expected to decline slightly with the end of the holiday season. Unemployment is expected to rise due to seasonal conditions.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Net Change From Nov. 1987	Net Change From Dec. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.6	510.6	516.3	+ 1.0	- 4.7
MANUFACTURING	42.4	42.3	44.7	+ 0.1	- 2.3
Durable Goods	21.0	20.7	21.4	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.6	0	- 0.3
Machinery	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.5	12.2	12.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.6	8.3	8.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	21.4	21.6	23.3	- 0.2	- 1.9
Food & Kindred Products	6.6	6.6	7.4	0	- 0.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.7	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.1	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.7	3.6	- 0.1	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.7	3.7	4.1	0	- 0.4
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
MINING	15.8	16.0	16.2	- 0.2	- 0.4
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.8	15.0	15.3	- 0.2	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	22.2	22.4	23.9	- 0.2	- 1.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.0	43.0	42.3	0	+ 0.7
Railroad Transportation	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	12.0	12.1	11.2	- 0.1	+ 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	135.4	133.9	137.2	+ 1.5	- 1.8
Wholesale Trade	31.6	31.5	32.3	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.1	18.0	18.8	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.5	13.5	13.5	0	0
Retail Trade	103.8	102.4	104.9	+ 1.4	- 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.7	33.7	33.7	0	0
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	134.8	135.0	132.7	- 0.2	+ 2.1
GOVERNMENT	84.3	84.3	85.6	0	- 1.3
Federal	15.6	15.6	15.6	0	0
State and Local	68.7	68.7	70.0	0	- 1.3
State	18.8	18.8	20.4	0	- 1.6
Local	49.9	49.9	49.6	0	+ 0.3

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$432.96	$428.67	$442.68	41.0	41.1	42.0	$10.56	$10.43	$10.54
Durable Goods	391.07	382.93	410.52	40.4	39.6	41.3	9.68	9.67	9.94
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	307.89	312.84	307.30	33.0	33.0	29.1	9.33	9.48	10.56
Fabricated Metal Products	421.58	398.67	485.44	42.2	41.1	44.7	9.99	9.70	10.86
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	366.22	359.29	391.77	40.2	38.8	41.9	9.11	9.26	9.35
Nondurable Goods	473.10	472.18	472.01	41.5	42.5	42.6	11.40	11.11	11.08
Food & Kindred Products	335.48	358.57	345.28	39.1	40.7	41.7	8.58	8.81	8.28
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	177.80	154.80	169.40	35.0	31.4	30.8	5.08	4.93	5.50
Paper & Allied Products	476.67	428.85	454.45	46.1	45.0	48.5	10.34	9.53	9.37
Printing & Publishing	362.99	357.44	351.12	39.2	42.3	38.5	9.26	8.45	9.12
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	731.14	731.73	700.58	44.5	46.4	46.0	16.43	15.77	15.23

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in December increased to 511,600, a level 1,000 above November. Seasonal increases in wholesale and retail trade were mostly responsible. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 4,700 workers, with most industry divisions showing a decrease.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,400 in December, up 100 from the previous month. Durable goods showed an increase of 300 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing was responsible for the increase. Nondurable goods was down 200 from the previous month with apparel and other textile products and printing and publishing being most affected by seasonal decreases.

Retail trade showed sizable seasonal increases primarily in apparel stores, eating and drinking establishments and miscellaneous retail stores. Wholesale trade showed minor gains mostly in durable goods. Partly offsetting gains, mining and construction made normal downward adjustments. Services were lowered by decreases in educational services and less business in the hotel-motel industries. Finance, insurance and real estate held steady. Transportation and public utilities and government showed no significant change.

Production workers in the area earned an averaged of $432.96 per week in December, up $4.29 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were down six minutes from the previous month, and average hourly earnings were up $0.13 over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $9.72 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in December decreased to 56,500, a level 500 below November. A decrease in the labor force was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.4 percent of the labor force compared with 9.4 percent in November and 10.9 percent in December of last year. The December rate was lower than the state rate of 10.9 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 10,178.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show normal seasonal changes. Retail trade will make downward adjustments characteristic of the close of the holiday season. Mining and construction will exhibit seasonal downward movement. Services is expected to show a decrease. Unemployment will probably show an increase.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.8	131.9	132.3	- 1.1	- 1.5
MANUFACTURING	18.0	18.0	18.6	0	- 0.6
Durable Goods	12.9	12.9	13.3	0	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.6	7.6	7.8	0	- 0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.7	1.6	- 0.1	0
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.0	5.9	6.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Good	5.1	5.1	5.3	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	3.1	3.0	3.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	7.4	7.8	6.9	- 0.4	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.8	7.8	8.4	0	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.5	30.2	31.2	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.2	7.7	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Retail Trade	23.2	23.1	23.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.5	7.5	7.8	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	31.0	32.1	31.2	- 1.1	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	25.5	25.4	25.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.4	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	20.8	20.7	20.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	6.4	6.4	6.2	0	+ 0.2
Local	14.4	14.3	14.4	+ 0.1	0

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$442.18	$442.32	$530.64	39.2	38.8	44.0	$11.28	$11.40	$12.06
Lumber and Wood Products	211.58	216.13	175.39	32.5	33.2	28.8	6.51	6.51	6.09
Metals and Machinery	449.51	456.62	658.37	39.5	39.5	50.8	11.38	11.56	12.96
Food and Kindred Products	303.75	316.71	312.89	40.5	40.5	40.9	7.50	7.82	7.65
Printing and Publishing	327.71	328.26	318.32	34.9	34.7	33.9	9.39	9.46	9.39
Petroleum and Coal Products	585.86	570.18	621.07	47.4	44.2	45.6	12.36	12.90	13.62

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport LMA decreased to 130,800, down 1,000 from the revised November estimate. Job losses in construction and services were significant and offset gains in other sectors.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,000, remained unchanged from November, but fell 600 below the year ago estimate. The slight employment gains in machinery manufacturing were eliminated by small job losses in the production of primary and fabricated metals.

Nonmanufacturing employment declined to 112,800, down from the revised November estimate of 113,900, and the year ago estimate of 113,700. The small job increases in mining, trade and government only partially offset employment losses in construction and services. Construction employment dropped from 7,800 in November to 7,400, while services employment decreased from 32,100 in November to 31,000 in December. Most of this loss occurred when the racing season ended, causing a 900 payroll reduction.

An estimated 13,100 production workers in manufacturing in this labor market area had average weekly earnings of $442.18, slightly less than $442.32 in November, and below the year ago average of $530.64. The average weekly hours moved up from 38.8 in November to 39.2 in December. Average hourly earnings of $11.28 decreased from $11.40 in November and $12.06 one year ago.

The current civilian labor force consists of 147,600 employed and 17,700 unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area increased to 10.7 percent, up from 10.2 percent in November, but less than the December 1986 rate of 12.8 percent.

The outlook is for sluggish economic conditions to continue in this area throughout the first quarter of 1988. Total nonagricultural employment will likely remain near the present level, while total unemployment is expected to rise above 17,000.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1988				REVISED DECEMBER 1987				REVISED JANUARY 1987			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,913.1	1,683.2	229.9	12.0	1,922.4	1,740.1	182.3	9.5	1,956.6	1,673.1	283.5	14.5
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.8	54.4	6.4	10.5	61.5	56.5	5.0	8.1	60.7	53.6	7.1	11.7
Baton Rouge 2/	261.2	234.7	26.5	10.1	264.6	243.2	21.4	8.1	263.1	232.1	31.0	11.8
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.8	59.9	9.9	14.1	70.6	62.9	7.7	10.9	74.7	59.3	15.4	20.7
Lafayette 4/	97.9	86.7	11.2	11.4	99.0	90.0	9.0	9.1	102.3	85.6	16.7	16.4
Lake Charles 5/	75.8	65.7	10.1	13.3	75.2	67.3	7.9	10.5	75.2	64.2	11.0	14.6
Monroe 6/	68.2	60.3	7.9	11.6	69.9	64.1	5.8	8.3	69.8	61.5	8.3	11.9
New Orleans 7/	591.7	533.8	57.9	9.8	596.0	547.5	48.5	8.1	602.8	534.1	68.7	11.4
Shreveport 8/	166.6	147.1	19.5	11.7	166.0	150.8	15.2	9.1	168.3	145.6	22.7	13.5

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during January was estimated at 1,485,200, a drop of 19,100 workers from December's revised figure but 24,600 higher than the January 1987 figure. The drop in nonmanufacturing employment was centered in the trade segment. Lower employment in nondurable goods was largely responsible for the decrease in manufacturing.

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LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1988*	December 1987**	January 1987**	Net Change from December 1987	Net Change from January 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.4	84.5	84.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Banking	25.0	24.9	25.6	+ 0.1	- 0.6
SERVICES	323.9	325.8	311.9	- 1.9	+12.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.8	22.7	20.7	- 0.9	+ 1.1
Personal Services	14.4	14.0	14.4	+ 0.4	0
Business Services	56.8	57.8	54.8	- 1.0	+ 2.0
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.5	9.7	9.5	- 0.2	0
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.4	5.6	5.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.8	8.8	7.5	0	+ 1.3
Health Services	102.7	102.4	98.7	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
Legal Services	15.3	15.2	14.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Educational Services	24.1	24.4	22.3	- 0.3	+ 1.8
Social Services	18.8	19.0	18.6	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.6	25.8	25.3	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	14.7	14.5	15.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4
GOVERNMENT	311.4	315.2	314.4	- 3.8	- 3.0
Federal	36.1	36.2	35.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	275.3	279.0	278.6	- 3.7	- 3.3
State	95.8	99.5	96.7	- 3.7	- 0.9
Local	179.5	179.5	181.9	0	- 2.4

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$461.07	$460.31	$447.43	42.3	42.7	41.2	$10.90	$10.78	$10.86
Durable Goods	409.49	416.63	404.91	41.7	42.6	40.9	9.82	9.78	9.90
Lumber & Wood Products	358.39	358.46	335.62	43.6	44.2	42.7	8.22	8.11	7.86
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	363.67	369.33	343.38	41.0	40.9	38.8	8.87	9.03	8.85
Fabricated Metal Products	423.79	450.74	410.06	43.6	45.3	41.8	9.72	9.95	9.81
Machinery, ex. Electrical	393.33	403.20	389.57	42.8	44.9	41.4	9.19	8.98	9.41
Electric & Electronic Equip.	560.12	495.11	549.46	41.8	38.5	41.5	13.40	12.86	13.24
Transportation Equipment	417.12	444.64	432.12	39.5	41.4	39.0	10.56	10.74	11.08
Nondurable Goods	504.61	496.91	483.48	42.8	42.8	41.5	11.79	11.61	11.65
Food & Kindred Products	298.62	314.84	288.42	39.5	41.7	38.1	7.56	7.55	7.57
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	216.28	201.85	195.41	38.9	37.8	36.8	5.56	5.34	5.31
Paper & Allied Products	550.09	588.99	549.12	41.8	43.5	42.7	13.16	13.54	12.86
Printing & Publishing	392.70	394.11	375.35	38.5	38.6	37.2	10.20	10.21	10.09
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	706.86	707.38	684.10	45.9	45.2	44.8	15.40	15.65	15.27
Petroleum & Coal Products	791.12	714.98	687.78	49.6	46.7	45.1	15.95	15.31	15.25
Petroleum Refining	808.88	726.03	705.82	49.9	46.6	45.1	16.21	15.58	15.65
MINING	559.77	546.62	550.70	47.0	46.6	44.7	11.91	11.73	12.32
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	511.81	517.57	485.61	40.3	39.6	40.4	12.70	13.07	12.02
BANKING	260.51	263.47	262.07	37.7	37.8	37.6	6.91	6.97	6.97

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 121,700 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 90,100 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

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	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,600	19,175	3,425	15.1	22,500	19,675	2,825	12.5
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,525	8,175	1,350	14.1	9,450	8,400	1,050	11.1
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,150	4,175	1,975	32.2	5,875	4,475	1,400	23.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,250	12,050	3,200	20.9	14,775	12,425	2,350	15.9
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,375	12,625	1,750	12.1	14,550	13,150	1,400	9.6
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,425	5,575	850	13.1	6,400	5,750	650	10.1
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,225	3,550	675	15.9	4,175	3,650	525	12.7
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,350	3,775	575	13.2	4,350	3,925	425	9.6
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,275	3,200	1,075	25.2	4,125	3,325	800	19.3
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,975	7,100	875	10.9	7,975	7,300	675	8.6
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,950	8,000	1,950	19.6	9,775	8,575	1,200	12.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,725	11,100	1,625	12.7	12,675	11,425	1,250	9.9
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,275	3,200	1,075	25.3	4,050	3,325	725	17.9
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,375	7,350	1,025	12.4	8,600	7,775	825	9.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,650	10,775	1,875	14.8	12,575	11,125	1,450	11.6
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,225	6,650	1,575	19.1	8,350	7,225	1,125	13.6
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,700	5,700	1,000	14.9	6,675	5,925	750	11.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,000	20,725	4,275	17.1	25,100	21,800	3,300	13.2
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,450	9,400	2,050	17.9	11,325	9,750	1,575	14.0
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,400	6,650	750	10.3	7,400	6,800	600	8.0
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,400	10,425	1,975	16.0	12,350	10,775	1,575	12.9
JENA (LASALLE)	6,400	5,675	725	11.5	6,400	5,850	550	8.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,650	16,575	1,075	6.1	18,100	17,275	825	4.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,900	4,675	1,225	20.6	5,725	4,850	875	15.5
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,275	10,075	2,200	18.0	12,125	10,550	1,575	13.0
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,475	14,550	1,925	11.7	16,475	15,000	1,475	8.9
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,150	7,925	1,225	13.5	9,150	8,175	975	10.7
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,325	5,850	1,475	20.0	7,375	6,200	1,175	15.9
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,175	3,575	600	14.4	4,400	3,800	600	13.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,950	7,375	1,575	17.5	8,825	7,650	1,175	13.3
MANY (SABINE)	9,850	8,850	1,000	10.2	9,950	9,150	800	8.1
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,625	2,225	400	15.1	2,625	2,300	325	12.0
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,325	6,775	1,550	18.7	8,125	6,950	1,175	14.4
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,300	27,450	5,850	17.5	33,000	28,500	4,500	13.7
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,575	18,875	4,700	20.0	23,175	19,675	3,500	15.1
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,375	33,075	5,300	13.8	39,300	34,875	4,425	11.2
ST JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,250	2,625	625	19.3	3,175	2,775	400	12.3
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,250	7,025	1,225	14.8	8,275	7,375	900	10.8
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,900	16,375	3,525	17.7	19,725	16,925	2,800	14.2
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,100	17,300	1,800	9.4	19,200	17,700	1,500	7.8
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,000	15,800	2,200	12.3	18,025	16,200	1,825	10.1
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,400	16,325	3,075	15.8	18,875	16,700	2,175	11.5
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,700	3,450	1,250	26.7	4,675	3,675	1,000	21.4
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,150	3,700	450	11.0	4,225	3,900	325	7.6
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,700	5,100	600	10.3	5,625	5,175	450	8.1

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1988*	December 1987**	January 1987**	Net Change From December 1987	Net Change From January 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	46.2	44.7	- 0.7	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.0	2.1	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.1	2.3	2.1	- 0.2	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.1	11.5	10.9	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.9	9.3	8.7	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.3	2.1	- 0.2	0
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.7	3.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.3	11.2	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Health Services	5.0	4.9	4.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.8	12.7	- 0.1	0
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.0	10.1	10.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
State	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Local	5.2	5.3	5.2	- 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,500 for the month of January. This estimate was 700 less than December and 800 more than January of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,300 during January. This estimate was 100 less than last month and 100 less than January of last year. The decline was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,200 during January. This estimate was 600 less than the previous month and 900 more than last January. Since last month, the major losses occurred in retail trade, and construction. Since last January, employment in nonmanufacturing has increased by 900. Industries showing gains include all major segments except, mining, construction, and government.

During the next thirty days, seasonal declines are expected to continue in retail trade, and outdoor related employment.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1988*	December 1987**	January 1987**	Net Change From December 1987	Net Change From January 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	211.6	214.7	207.9	- 3.1	+ 3.7
MANUFACTURING	18.6	18.7	18.1	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	3.9	3.8	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.1	1.0	0.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.7	14.9	14.4	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.9	1.8	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.3	10.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	19.5	20.4	18.1	- 0.9	+ 1.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.1	10.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	50.7	52.2	50.2	- 1.5	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	11.4	11.5	10.8	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.7	7.8	7.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.3	0	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	39.3	40.7	39.4	- 1.4	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.3	13.3	13.1	0	+ 0.2
Banking	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	43.5	43.5	41.8	0	+ 1.7
GOVERNMENT	54.8	55.7	55.4	- 0.9	- 0.6
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
State and Local	52.5	53.4	53.1	- 0.9	- 0.6
State	30.[illegible]	30.9	31.0	- 0.8	- 0.9
Local	22.4	22.5	22.1	- 0.1	+ 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$548.21	$546.84	$505.33	43.2	43.4	42.5	$12.69	$12.60	$11.89
Petro-Chemicals	725.58	717.65	668.64	47.3	46.3	48.0	15.34	15.50	13.93

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 211,600 during January, was down 3,100 from the revised estimate for December and up 3,700 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,600 was down 100 during the current period and up 500 over the year ago estimate. Durable goods were up due to more business in fabricated structural metal products and in miscellaneous fabricated metal products. Nondurable goods were down due to seasonal declines in sugar and confectionery products and in miscellaneous food preparations and kindred products.

Total nonmanufacturing was down 3,000 during January. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings, in heavy construction, except highway and street construction and in special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities were up due to more business in local and suburban passenger transportation, in trucking, local and long distance, and in radio and television broadcasting. Wholesale trade was down due to less business in hardware and plumbing and heating equipment and supplies. Retail trade was down due to seasonal declines in department stores and variety stores, less business in grocery stores, apparel and accessory stores, and eating and drinking places. Government was down due to seasonal declines in state education and staff reductions in local government.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,200 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $548.21, up $1.37 from the revised December average. Average weekly hours, at 43.2, were down 0.2 hours, and average hourly earnings were up nine cents per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay by lower paid workers contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents at 234,700 during January, was down 8,500 from the revised December estimate. Unemployment, at 26,500, was up 5,100 during the current period. The unemployment rate was 10.1 percent, compared to 8.1 percent for December and 11.8 percent for January a year ago. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force was 261,200 during the current period.

Unemployment is expected to have little change during the coming month while employment should show some improvement.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,875 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 670 applicants in jobs during December.

The consumer price index for December, 1987 for all urban consumers was 345.7 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 340.2 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1988*	December 1987**	January 1987**	Net Change From December 1987	Net Change From January 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	51.4	52.9	50.4	- 1.5	+ 1.0
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.4	3.6	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.0	0	+ 0.8
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.6	1.6	- 0.2	- 0.2
MINING	5.7	5.8	5.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	1.3	1.4	1.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.5	5.6	5.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	3.4	3.3	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.3	13.7	12.9	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.8	2.7	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	10.6	10.9	10.2	- 0.3	+ 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	3.0	2.8	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
SERVICES	8.6	8.8	8.4	- 0.2	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.9	10.7	- 0.4	- 0.2
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.1	10.5	10.2	- 0.4	- 0.1
State	2.7	3.1	2.8	- 0.4	- 0.1
Local	7.4	7.4	7.4	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux labor market area in January stood at 51,400, a level 1,500 below December. The decrease was mainly seasonal in nature and was spread through almost every industry division.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,200 in January, down 200 from the previous month. The durable goods segment remained unchanged. Nondurable goods were down 200 over the previous month due to seasonal decreases in the seafood industry.

Mining eased downward due to adverse weather conditions. Construction was similary affected by winter weather conditions. Transportation and public utilities showed an overall seasonal decrease. Retail trade made normal downward adjustments following the close of the holiday season. Finance, insurance, and real estate displayed no significant change. Services exhibited a decrease largely in business services. Government was lowered by a temporary seasonal downturn in employment by state educational services.

Estimated unemployment in January rose to 9,900, up 2,200 from December. A decrease in employment due to seasonal factors contributed toward a higher percentage of joblessness. Unemployment presently comprises 14.1 percent of the labor force compared to 10.9 percent in December and 20.7 percent in January 1987. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 1,665.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a normal seasonal increase. Construction and mining will increase activity as weather conditions become better. Transportation will probably show a small gain. Retail trade will pull up from the winter low. In services, business services will likely push up. In government, educational services will add workers as the spring semester moves further along. Unemployment is expected to decrease as employment increases.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1988*	December 1987**	January 1987**	Net Change From December 1987	Net Change From January 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	81.7	83.0	80.0	- 1.3	+ 1.7
MANUFACTURING	5.9	6.1	5.8	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.7	4.5	- 0.2	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.7	1.7	- 0.2	- 0.2
MINING	10.6	10.5	10.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.2	3.1	- 0.2	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.6	5.6	5.7	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.4	22.4	22.3	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.1	5.1	4.8	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	1.9	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	17.3	17.3	17.5	0	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	9.9	9.9	10.0	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.8	3.8	4.0	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	18.2	18.3	16.5	- 0.1	+ 1.7
GOVERNMENT	12.2	13.1	12.3	- 0.9	- 0.1
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	11.3	12.2	11.4	- 0.9	- 0.1
State	4.3	5.3	4.2	- 1.0	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	6.9	7.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette labor market area was estimated at 81,700, a decrease of 1,300 from the December 1987 revised figure but 1,700 above the January 1987 level.

Manufacturing decreased by 200 due to seasonal changes in the food and kindred products sector.

Mining increased by 100 from the previous month and is 300 above the level of January 1987.

Construction and government showed decreases due to seasonal fluctuations. Construction is down by 200 and government has declined by 900 from the previous month.

The unemployment rate in the Lafayette labor market area should remain constant for the next thirty days.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1988*	December 1987**	January 1987**	Net Change From December 1987	January 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.5	58.4	56.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	11.1	11.1	9.4	0	+ 1.7
Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	1.1	0	+ 1.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	0.9	0	+ 1.5
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.5	8.3	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.2	0	+ 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.6	7.6	7.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.8	4.5	- 0.1	- 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.0	3.9	3.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.6	14.7	14.0	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.6	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	11.7	11.8	11.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.2	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	4.0	3.6	0	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.7	2.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.0	1.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.4	11.3	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.0	10.0	10.4	0	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.4	9.4	9.8	0	- 0.4
State	3.5	3.6	3.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	5.9	5.8	6.4	+ 0.1	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for January in the Lake Charles labor market area stood at 58,500, an increase of 100 from the December 1987 revised figure, and 1,900 above the comparable period a year ago.

Construction declined by 100. Retail and wholesale trade dropped by 100 from the December 1987 level due to seasonal fluctuations.

Finance, insurance and real estate, services and transportation and public utilities each showed an increase in employment of 100 over the previous month.

The unemployment rate and employment figures should remain stable for the next 30 days.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1988*	December 1987**	January 1987**	Net Change From December 1987	Net Change From January 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.1	54.4	54.0	- 1.3	- 0.9
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.1	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.3	0.4	0.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.3	2.5	2.9	- 0.2	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.5	2.6	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.9	14.5	- 0.8	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.8	3.7	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	10.4	11.1	10.8	- 0.7	- 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.9	2.7	- 0.5	- 0.3
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.6	3.5	- 0.2	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.4	11.4	11.5	0	- 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Health Services	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.8	10.1	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.1	10.2	9.5	- 0.1	+ 0.6
State	4.9	4.9	3.6	0	+ 1.3
Local	5.2	5.3	5.9	- 0.1	- 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage employment, estimated at 53,100 workers, was 1,300 below the December estimate. This reflects the ending of the holiday season and adverse weather conditions in the area.

Manufacturing was unchanged over the month, but was 200 below the same period a year ago.

Mining showed a minimal decline of 100, slipping to 300 workers. Construction was down 200, partially due to adverse weather conditions. Transportation and public utilities lost 100 workers. Wholesale and retail trade, estimated at 14,100, was 800 below the December estimate and reflects the end of the holiday season. Government was down by 100 workers. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

Employment is expected to remain relatively stable over the next 30 days as unemployment remains high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1988*	December 1987**	January 1987**	Net Change From December 1987	Net Change From January 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	509.9	512.3	505.6	- 2.4	+ 4.3
MANUFACTURING	42.8	42.9	41.5	- 0.1	+ 1.3
Durable Goods	21.5	21.2	19.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.2	1.2	1.5	0	- 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.4	0	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	12.9	12.6	11.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.2	8.9	8.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.7	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	21.3	21.7	21.6	- 0.4	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	6.0	6.4	6.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.9	3.9	4.1	0	- 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	14.6	14.7	14.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.7	13.7	13.5	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	21.7	21.8	22.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.5	43.4	42.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	12.5	12.3	12.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.3	136.4	134.0	- 2.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	31.4	31.8	31.6	- 0.4	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.9	18.1	18.2	- 0.2	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.5	13.7	13.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	102.9	104.6	102.4	- 1.7	+ 0.5
General Merchandise	13.4	13.8	14.5	- 0.4	- 1.1
Food Stores	18.8	19.1	18.6	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	35.3	35.3	33.5	0	+ 1.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	34.3	34.1	33.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Banking	7.3	7.2	7.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	134.1	133.9	130.8	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12.8	12.9	13.4	- 0.1	- 0.6
Health Services	36.0	36.0	34.4	0	+ 1.6
GOVERNMENT	84.6	85.1	86.6	- 0.5	- 2.0
Federal	16.0	16.0	15.9	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	68.6	69.1	70.7	- 0.5	- 2.1
State	18.7	19.0	19.8	- 0.3	- 1.1
Local	49.9	50.1	50.9	- 0.2	- 1.0

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$433.70	$432.14	$421.86	40.8	41.0	39.5	$10.63	$10.54	$10.68
Durable Goods	376.10	395.50	386.10	39.3	40.9	39.0	9.57	9.67	9.90
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	277.56	261.90	224.18	32.2	30.0	24.5	8.62	8.73	9.15
Fabricated Metal Products	373.26	449.16	420.21	38.8	42.9	43.5	9.62	10.47	9.66
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	352.51	366.62	372.00	38.4	40.2	37.5	9.18	9.12	9.92
Nondurable Goods	489.94	467.72	453.66	42.2	41.1	39.9	11.61	11.38	11.37
Food & Kindred Products	300.07	312.68	304.24	37.0	37.9	37.7	8.11	8.25	8.07
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	187.25	187.78	130.42	35.0	35.7	23.8	5.35	5.26	5.48
Paper & Allied Products	452.12	472.26	407.89	45.9	47.8	47.1	9.85	9.88	8.66
Printing & Publishing	366.68	376.94	350.76	39.9	40.1	39.5	9.19	9.40	8.88
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	731.45	711.07	716.99	46.5	43.2	44.7	15.73	16.46	16.04

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in January decreased to 509,900, a level 2,400 below December. The largest changes were seasonal in nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 4,300 workers, with increases in all industry divisions except construction and government.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,800 in January, down 100 from the previous month. Durable goods showed an increase of 300 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing was responsible for the increase due to more business. Nondurable goods were down 400 from the previous month with food and kindred products being most affected by seasonal decreases.

Wholesale and retail trade showed appreciable seasonal decreases in most segments of this industry. State and local government lost workers, partly reflecting problems in costs and funding. Construction and mining sustained a downward movement influenced by normal winter weather conditions. More favorably, transportation and public utilities adjusted upward, partly due to increases in local port activity. Finance, insurance and real estate edged up and services showed normal seasonal gains in private educational services.

Estimated unemployment in January increased to 57,900, a level 9,400 above December. The increase was mostly seasonal in nature. Joblessness presently comprises 9.8 percent of the labor force compared with 8.1 percent in December and 11.4 percent in January of last year. The January rate was lower than the state rate of 12.0 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 10,287.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $433.70 per week in January, up $1.56 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.8, down 12 minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.63, up nine cents over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $11.84 in manufacturing.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a small overall increase. Services will probably show seasonal gains primarily in private educational services. Transportation and public utilities may also show normal seasonal increases. Unemployment is expected to show a slight decrease as employment moves up.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1988*	December 1987**	January 1987**	Net Change From December 1987	Net Change From January 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	132.2	133.3	130.2	- 1.1	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	17.1	17.2	18.2	- 0.1	- 1.1
Durable Goods	12.3	12.4	13.0	- 0.1	- 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.5	0.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.3	7.2	7.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.5	1.4	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.8	5.8	6.2	0	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods	4.6	4.7	4.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.8	5.2	0	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.8	0	- 0.3
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	6.7	7.0	6.0	- 0.3	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.1	8.1	8.5	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	33.0	33.3	31.8	- 0.3	+ 1.2
Wholesale Trade	7.9	8.0	7.9	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	25.1	25.3	23.9	- 0.2	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.3	7.4	7.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	31.8	31.7	30.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
GOVERNMENT	25.0	25.4	25.0	- 0.4	0
Federal	4.8	4.8	4.5	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	20.2	20.6	20.5	- 0.4	- 0.3
State	5.9	6.0	6.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Local	14.3	14.6	14.4	- 0.3	- 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**	January '88*	Dec. '87**	January '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$431.20	$454.21	$509.22	39.2	39.6	42.4	$11.00	$11.47	$12.01
Lumber and Wood Products	211.39	213.86	227.55	33.5	32.8	37.0	6.31	6.52	6.15
Metals and Machinery	456.50	478.25	569.16	41.5	41.3	45.9	11.00	11.58	12.40
Food and Kindred Products	325.13	303.75	315.15	41.0	40.5	40.3	7.93	7.50	7.82
Printing and Publishing	342.13	335.22	306.46	35.9	35.7	31.4	9.53	9.39	9.76
Petroleum and Coal Products	580.65	557.06	524.12	49.0	46.0	46.3	11.85	12.11	11.32

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport LMA was estimated at 132,200, down 1,100 from the revised December total, and 2,000 more than the January, 1987 estimate. The number of jobs gained in nonmanufacturing during the past year were enough to offset the job decline in total manufacturing.

Manufacturing employment estimated at 17,100, dropped only slightly from 17,200 in December, 1987. During the past year, durable goods employment declined from 13,000 to 12,300, while employment in nondurable goods production fell from 5,200 to 4,800.

Total nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 115,100, moved down from 116,100 in December, but 3,100 more than the January, 1987 estimate. During the past month job losses were mostly seasonal. Construction employment declined from 7,000 to 6,700. Wholesale and retail trade moved down from 33,300 to 33,000, while total government employment fell 400 below the December estimate.

The average weekly earnings were $431.20 for the 12,400 production workers in manufacturing in this LMA, down from $454.21 in December and $509.22 one year ago. The average weekly hours of 39.2 show a small reduction from 39.6 in December, and down from 42.4 in January, 1987. Average hourly earnings of $11.00 decreased from $11.47 in December and $12.01 one year ago.

The civilian labor force for this LMA includes 147,100 employed and 19,500 unemployed. The unemployment rate was 11.7 percent, compared to a national rate of 6.3 percent.

Total unemployment for the area will remain high, but should level off near the present estimate. The nonagricultural employment total will show little change during the next 60 days.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JANUARY 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED FEBRUARY 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,900.8	1,670.5	230.3	12.1	1,905.8	1,672.6	233.2	12.2	1,960.8	1,679.7	281.1	14.3
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.2	53.5	6.7	11.1	60.3	53.8	6.5	10.7	60.8	53.6	7.2	11.8
Baton Rouge 2/	260.7	234.4	26.3	10.1	261.6	234.8	26.8	10.2	263.8	233.4	30.4	11.5
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.7	60.0	9.7	13.9	69.6	59.8	9.8	14.1	75.1	59.2	15.9	21.1
Lafayette 4/	97.6	86.5	11.1	11.4	97.3	85.9	11.4	11.7	102.9	86.7	16.2	15.7
Lake Charles 5/	75.4	65.0	10.4	13.8	75.3	65.2	10.1	13.5	75.6	64.8	10.8	14.3
Monroe 6/	67.8	59.9	7.9	11.7	67.0	59.0	8.0	11.9	70.6	62.4	8.2	11.6
New Orleans 7/	586.4	528.3	58.1	9.9	588.2	529.2	59.0	10.0	603.8	535.6	68.2	11.3
Shreveport 8/	164.9	145.6	19.3	11.7	166.3	146.5	19.8	11.9	168.6	146.1	22.5	13.3

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during February amounted to 1,490,600, an increase of 4,500 above the previous month and 31,200 above the comparable period a year ago. The state's manufacturing payrolls were up as a result of increases in both the durable and nondurable goods segments. Louisiana's nonmanufacturing employment drop was centered in services and government.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing increased by 400 workers from January's revised level. Increased production in several segments of the machinery, except electrical industry was responsible for the increase in employment for this industry. Employment for the state's transportation equipment industry grew due to an increase in activity at the state's shipyards.

Nondurable goods employment was estimated at 93,300 for February, an increase of 100 from the January revised level of 93,200. Seasonal decreases in the food and kindred products industry was centered in the seafood canning sector. Paper and allied products employment rose in February, due mainly to an increase in paperboard mills employment. Apparel and other textile products and chemicals and allied products employment edged upward. Payrolls for the other nondurable goods sector fell by 100 in February.

Nonmanufacturing employment in February, at 1,324,600, was up by 4,000 over January's revised level of 1,320,600 and 23,800 higher than February of last year. Decreased activity in the production of crude petroleum and natural gas was responsible for the lower level of employment in mining. A downturn in construction payrolls occurred largely due to decreased activity in certain sectors of the special trade contractors segment. Transportation and public utilities employment decreased mainly due to less business for trucking and warehousing firms. Trade employment decreased in February partly due to less business for general merchandise, apparel and accessories stores, and certain miscellaneous retail trade establishments. Contributing to the downturn in finance, insurance and real estate were payroll reductions in the banking industry. Increases in educational services were significant in the higher level of employment in services for February. Estimated government employment was up, due in large part to increases in state and local education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's production workers in manufacturing decreased from $460.22 in January to $455.94 in February, a decrease of $4.28, but an increase of $0.16 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were five cents lower in February than last month, and $0.10 lower than the year-ago figure. Weekly hours averaged 42.1 for the current month, down 0.2 hours from January's figure.

Estimated total unemployment for Louisiana during February amounted to 230,300, a decrease of 2,900 below January's revised level of 233,200. The unemployment rate for February was 12.1 percent compared to 12.2 percent for the prior month and 14.3 percent for February 1987. The comparable national unemployment rate for February was 6.2 percent compared to 6.3 percent in January and 7.2 percent for February of last year. The state's civilian labor force decreased from 1,905,800 in January to 1,900,800 in February, a loss of 5,000. Total employment, estimated at 1,670,500 for the current month, was down by 2,100 below last month's revised figure and was 9,200 below February of last year.

The state's unemployment rate is expected to decrease slightly in the next month. Employment may show some growth in both the nonmanufacturing and manufacturing segments.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Net Change from Jan. 1988	Net Change from Feb. 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.6	84.7	83.8	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Banking	24.9	25.1	25.5	- 0.2	- 0.6
SERVICES	326.7	323.8	312.2	+ 2.9	+14.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.6	22.0	21.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
Personal Services	14.3	14.3	14.2	0	+ 0.1
Business Services	57.2	56.8	54.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.4	9.4	9.5	0	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.5	5.4	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.7	8.7	7.6	0	+ 1.1
Health Services	102.9	102.7	98.5	+ 0.2	+ 4.4
Legal Services	15.4	15.3	14.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Educational Services	25.7	24.3	22.4	+ 1.4	+ 3.3
Social Services	18.9	18.8	18.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.3	25.4	25.3	- 0.1	0
Miscellaneous Services	15.0	14.8	15.1	+ 0.2	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	313.5	311.0	315.9	+ 2.5	- 2.4
Federal	36.2	36.0	35.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
State and Local	277.3	275.0	280.3	+ 2.3	- 3.0
State	97.2	95.4	98.2	+ 1.8	- 1.0
Local	180.1	179.6	182.1	+ 0.5	- 2.0

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Net Change from Jan. 1988	Net Change from Feb. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,490.6	1,486.1	1,459.4	+ 4.5	+31.2
MINING	54.6	54.8	53.1	- 0.2	+ 1.5
Oil and Gas Extraction	51.9	52.1	50.4	- 0.2	+ 1.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	76.8	77.3	77.3	- 0.5	- 0.5
MANUFACTURING	166.0	165.5	158.6	+ 0.5	+ 7.4
Durable Goods	72.7	72.3	67.7	+ 0.4	+ 5.0
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	11.9	12.1	0	- 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	11.0	11.0	10.9	0	+ 0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.9	8.7	7.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.1	7.2	7.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	22.4	22.1	18.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.7
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.5	2.2	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	93.3	93.2	90.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Food & Kindred Products	19.0	19.2	18.9	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.5	9.4	8.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Paper & Allied Products	12.0	11.8	11.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	10.2	10.2	9.8	0	+ 0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.5	25.4	25.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.3	12.3	12.2	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.1	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.8	4.9	4.8	- 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	104.0	104.2	103.1	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.4	0	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.6	58.9	57.4	- 0.3	+ 1.2
Water Transportation	23.0	22.9	22.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.2	40.1	40.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.0	17.9	18.5	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.2	22.2	21.8	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	364.4	364.8	355.4	- 0.4	+ 9.0
Wholesale Trade	82.4	82.1	80.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.7	45.6	44.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.7	36.5	35.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Retail Trade	282.0	282.7	275.4	- 0.7	+ 6.6
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.9	59.3	56.7	- 0.4	+ 2.2
Food Stores	56.4	56.6	55.0	- 0.2	+ 1.4
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.4	30.5	29.4	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Eating & Drinking Places	85.2	84.6	83.8	+ 0.6	+ 1.4
Other Retail Trade	51.1	51.7	50.5	- 0.6	+ 0.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.6	84.7	83.8	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Banking	24.9	25.1	25.5	- 0.2	- 0.6
SERVICES	326.7	323.8	312.2	+ 2.9	+14.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.6	22.0	21.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
Personal Services	14.3	14.3	14.2	0	+ 0.1
Business Services	57.2	56.8	54.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.4	9.4	9.5	0	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.5	5.4	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.7	8.7	7.6	0	+ 1.1
Health Services	102.9	102.7	98.5	+ 0.2	+ 4.4
Legal Services	15.4	15.3	14.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Educational Services	25.7	24.3	22.4	+ 1.4	+ 3.3
Social Services	18.9	18.8	18.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.3	25.4	25.3	- 0.1	0
Miscellaneous Services	15.0	14.8	15.1	+ 0.2	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	313.5	311.0	315.9	+ 2.5	- 2.4
Federal	36.2	36.0	35.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
State and Local	277.3	275.0	280.3	+ 2.3	- 3.0
State	97.2	95.4	98.2	+ 1.8	- 1.0
Local	180.1	179.6	182.1	+ 0.5	- 2.0

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* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 02 88				REVISED 01 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,575	19,125	3,450	15.3	22,475	19,025	3,450	15.4
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,550	8,175	1,375	14.4	9,600	8,225	1,375	14.3
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,950	4,100	1,850	30.9	6,150	4,150	2,000	32.4
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,200	12,025	3,175	21.0	15,275	12,050	3,225	21.1
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,650	12,900	1,750	12.0	14,450	12,675	1,775	12.3
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,325	5,475	850	13.3	6,400	5,550	850	13.3
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,250	3,550	700	16.4	4,225	3,525	700	16.4
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,300	3,725	575	13.3	4,350	3,775	575	13.4
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,350	3,200	1,150	26.3	4,275	3,175	1,100	25.6
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,825	7,025	800	10.2	7,950	7,050	900	11.2
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,950	7,900	2,050	20.5	9,925	7,950	1,975	19.9
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,650	11,025	1,625	12.8	12,625	11,000	1,625	12.9
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,325	3,200	1,125	25.8	4,275	3,175	1,100	25.9
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,250	7,250	1,000	12.2	8,350	7,300	1,050	12.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,525	10,650	1,875	15.0	12,575	10,700	1,875	14.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,075	6,550	1,525	18.8	8,175	6,575	1,600	19.6
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,875	5,750	1,125	16.3	6,750	5,725	1,025	15.2
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,625	20,525	4,100	16.6	24,925	20,575	4,350	17.5
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,425	9,400	2,025	17.8	11,475	9,375	2,100	18.3
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,400	6,575	825	11.1	7,400	6,625	775	10.4
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,400	10,325	2,075	16.6	12,350	10,350	2,000	16.2
JENA (LASALLE)	6,375	5,625	750	11.8	6,400	5,650	750	11.8
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,625	16,550	1,075	6.1	17,575	16,475	1,100	6.3
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,950	4,700	1,250	21.0	5,950	4,675	1,275	21.3
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,275	9,975	2,300	18.8	12,300	10,000	2,300	18.7
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,175	14,325	1,850	11.5	16,375	14,425	1,950	12.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,050	7,825	1,225	13.5	9,100	7,875	1,225	13.6
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,300	5,825	1,475	20.1	7,300	5,800	1,500	20.4
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,175	3,575	600	14.2	4,175	3,550	625	14.8
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,925	7,325	1,600	17.9	8,925	7,325	1,600	18.0
MANY (SABINE)	9,700	8,725	975	10.2	9,850	8,825	1,025	10.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,600	2,200	400	15.5	2,600	2,200	400	15.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,300	6,800	1,500	18.2	8,325	6,750	1,575	19.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	32,950	27,075	5,875	17.8	33,150	27,250	5,900	17.8
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,225	18,725	4,500	19.4	23,500	18,750	4,750	20.2
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,100	32,650	5,450	14.3	38,250	32,850	5,400	14.1
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,200	2,625	575	18.1	3,250	2,600	650	19.7
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,150	6,975	1,175	14.5	8,225	6,975	1,250	15.3
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,625	16,125	3,500	17.8	19,750	16,250	3,500	17.8
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,325	17,275	2,050	10.6	19,225	17,375	1,850	9.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,900	15,675	2,225	12.5	18,000	15,775	2,225	12.4
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,075	16,150	2,925	15.3	19,400	16,300	3,100	16.0
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,850	3,425	1,425	29.4	4,775	3,425	1,350	28.2
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,150	3,675	475	11.4	4,150	3,675	475	11.3
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,625	5,025	600	10.5	5,675	5,075	600	10.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$455.94	$460.22	$455.78	42.1	42.3	41.7	$10.83	$10.88	$10.93
Durable Goods	413.42	416.22	416.17	42.1	42.0	41.7	9.82	9.91	9.98
Lumber & Wood Products	363.54	357.47	346.77	43.8	43.7	43.4	8.30	8.18	7.99
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	365.49	367.28	360.19	40.7	41.5	40.2	8.98	8.85	8.96
Fabricated Metal Products	442.71	431.30	418.84	44.9	44.1	41.8	9.86	9.78	10.02
Machinery, ex. Electrical	392.04	397.38	384.52	42.2	43.1	43.4	9.29	9.22	8.86
Electric & Electronic Equip.	515.29	560.12	594.43	40.1	41.8	43.2	12.85	13.40	13.76
Transportation Equipment	429.39	431.72	438.60	40.7	39.9	39.8	10.55	10.82	11.02
Nondurable Goods	490.98	497.25	487.97	42.0	42.5	41.6	11.69	11.70	11.73
Food & Kindred Products	291.06	295.62	293.37	37.8	39.0	38.1	7.70	7.58	7.70
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	205.47	210.43	196.31	37.7	38.4	36.9	5.45	5.48	5.32
Paper & Allied Products	564.99	561.47	558.99	42.9	42.6	42.9	13.17	13.18	13.03
Printing & Publishing	392.58	392.45	385.44	38.2	38.4	37.9	10.25	10.22	10.17
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	702.27	705.32	681.30	45.9	45.8	44.5	15.30	15.40	15.31
Petroleum & Coal Products	701.78	737.66	705.15	46.2	47.9	46.3	15.19	15.40	15.23
Petroleum Refining	711.32	752.77	723.84	46.1	48.1	46.4	15.43	15.65	15.66
MINING	514.35	552.89	528.96	45.0	46.5	44.6	11.43	11.89	11.86
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	503.83	514.16	483.21	39.3	40.2	40.1	12.82	12.79	12.05
BANKING	264.00	259.75	256.30	37.5	37.7	38.6	7.04	6.89	6.64

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 121,800 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,100 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Net Change From Jan. 1988	Net Change From Feb. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	212.7	212.0	208.1	+ 0.7	+ 4.6
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.6	18.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	4.0	3.9	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.6	1.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	14.7	14.7	14.4	0	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.2	10.1	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	19.8	19.9	18.6	- 0.1	+ 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.3	10.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	50.5	50.8	49.6	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade	11.5	11.4	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.8	7.7	7.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.2	0	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	39.0	39.4	39.0	- 0.4	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.4	13.2	0	+ 0.2
Banking	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	43.7	43.4	41.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
GOVERNMENT	55.4	54.8	55.5	+ 0.6	- 0.1
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	53.1	52.5	53.3	+ 0.6	- 0.2
State	30.6	30.1	31.3	+ 0.5	- 0.7
Local	22.5	22.4	22.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$538.75	$545.54	$498.54	43.1	43.4	42.0	$12.50	$12.57	$11.87
Petro-Chemicals	712.62	722.38	641.68	47.1	47.4	45.9	15.13	15.24	13.98

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Net Change From Jan. 1988	Net Change From Feb. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.3	45.6	44.3	- 0.3	+ 1.0
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.8	11.0	10.6	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.6	8.8	8.4	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.1	2.0	- 0.1	0
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.3	2.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.1	11.2	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Health Services	4.9	5.0	4.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.7	12.5	0	+ 0.2
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 0.1
State	4.7	4.8	4.7	- 0.1	0
Local	5.3	5.2	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,300 for the month of February. This estimate was 300 less than January and 1,000 more than February of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,500 during February. This estimate was unchanged since January and 100 more than February of last year. The change occurred in other nondurable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 41,800 during February. This estimate was 300 less than the previous month and 900 more than last February. Since last month declines occurred in retail trade, services and state government. The only increase was in local government. Since last February, employment in nonmanufacturing has increased by 900. Industries showing gains include all major segments except mining, construction, and finance, insurance and real estate.

During the next thirty days, employment should increase slightly with a corresponding decline in the number of unemployed.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 212,700 during February, was up 700 from the revised January estimate and up 4,600 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700 was up 100 during the current period and up 600 over the year ago estimate. Durable goods rose due to more business in blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling and finishing mills, in iron and steel foundries, and in motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment. Nondurable goods production was unchanged during the current period.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 600 during February. Construction was down due to less business in miscellaneous special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities employment was up due to more business in services incidental to water transportation. Wholesale trade was up due to more business in lumber and other construction materials, and in machinery, equipment, and supplies. Retail trade was down due to seasonal reductions in department stores and less business in radio, television, and music stores. Services employment increased due to more business in personnel supply services, automobile repair shops, and hospitals. Government was up during the current period due mainly to a seasonal increase in state education and staff increases in local government employment.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,000 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $538.75, down $6.79 from the revised January average. Average weekly hours, at 43.1, were down 0.3 hours, and average hourly earnings were down seven cents per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,880 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 1,240 applicants in jobs during February.

The consumer price index for January, 1988 for all urban consumers was 115.7 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 114.5 using base period 1982, 1983, 1984 = 100.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents totaled 234,400 during February. down 400 from the revised January estimate. Unemployment, at 26,300, was down 500 during the current period. The unemployment rate was 10.1 percent, compared to 10.2 percent for January and 11.5 percent for February of last year. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 260,700 during the current period.

Good weather and seasonal increases are expected to improve employment in construction and retail trade during the coming month. Unemployment is expected to decline due to these employment increases.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.1	51.9	50.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
MANUFACTURING	4.1	4.1	3.6	0	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.3	1.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
MINING	5.8	5.7	5.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.7	5.8	5.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Water Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.3	13.4	12.8	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.8	2.7	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	10.6	10.6	10.1	0	+ 0.5
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	2.8	0	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
SERVICES	8.8	8.6	8.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.5	10.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.1	10.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
State	2.9	2.7	3.0	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Local	7.3	7.4	7.3	- 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux labor market area in February pushed up to 52,100, a level 200 above January. Services showed the largest gain of any industry division.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,100 in February, the same level as the previous month. The durable goods segment increased 100 due to more business. The nondurable goods segment decreased 100 due to seasonal decreases in the seafood industry.

Mining edged up slightly despite winter weather conditions. Construction held steady in the worst season of the year for outside activity. Transportation and public utilities showed a small overall decrease. Wholesale trade tapered off in the durable goods segment. Retail trade remained at the same level. Finance, insurance and real estate showed no significant change. Services exhibited a gain spread through many segments. State government was boosted by a seasonal increase in educational services.

Estimated unemployment in February was 9,700, down 100 from January. Unemployment presently comprises 13.9 percent of the labor force compared to 14.1 percent in January and 21.1 percent in February, 1987. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 1,702.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a normal seasonal increase. Mining and construction will take advantage of better weather conditions for outside work. Much will depend on developments in the oil and gas industry. Transportation will probably show a small gain. Unemployment is expected to show some decreases as employment increases.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Net Change From Jan. 1988	Net Change From Feb. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.6	81.5	80.7	+ 1.1	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
MINING	10.5	10.5	10.2	0	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	3.0	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.6	5.6	5.7	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.5	22.3	22.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Retail Trade	17.4	17.2	17.4	+ 0.2	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.9	2.8	3.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	10.0	9.9	10.0	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.7	3.8	4.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
Banking	1.1	1.2	1.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
SERVICES	18.4	18.2	16.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
GOVERNMENT	13.1	12.2	13.2	+ 0.9	- 0.1
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	12.2	11.3	12.3	+ 0.9	- 0.1
State	5.2	4.3	5.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.0	7.2	0	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,600 for February, an increase of 1,100 from January's figure and 1,900 above the February 1987 level.

Nonmanufacturing showed an increase of 1,100 over January's figure and was also 1,700 above the February 1987 revised figure. Government rose by 900 due to students being hired for the spring semester.

Wholesale and retail trade showed an increase of 200 in the food stores and other retail trade sectors of the economy. Overall, wholesale and retail trade was up by 100 from the comparable period a year ago. Services rose in February by 200 due to increases in health services and business services. All other segments showed little or no change from the previous month.

The unemployment rate should remain close to the current level for the next thirty days.

LAKE CHARLES AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Net Change From	
				Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.1	58.1	56.6	0	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	11.0	11.0	9.7	0	+ 1.3
Durable Goods	2.6	2.5	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.3	1.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.5	8.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.3	0.2	- 0.1	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.6	7.6	7.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.9	3.7	4.7	+ 0.2	- 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.9	4.0	3.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.5	13.7	0	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.8	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	11.6	11.7	11.1	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.9	4.0	3.5	- 0.1	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.1	11.2	10.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.4	0.5	0.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.0	10.0	10.3	0	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.4	9.4	9.7	0	- 0.3
State	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	+ 0.2
Local	5.9	5.9	6.4	0	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Lake Charles LMA for February 1988 was estimated at 58,100, showing no change from the previous month, but is 1,500 above the figure for February 1987.

Construction showed a growth of 200 for February, but is 800 below last year's revised estimate. The services sector fell by 100 from the previous month, but is 300 above the level of a year ago.

For the next 30 days, employment as well as the unemployment rate should remain stable.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Net Change From Jan. 1988	Net Change From Feb. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	509.2	508.4	505.3	+ 0.8	+ 3.9
MANUFACTURING	43.2	42.9	41.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Durable Goods	22.0	21.5	19.9	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.2	1.2	1.4	0	– 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.4	0	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	13.4	12.9	11.8	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.7	9.2	8.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.7	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	21.2	21.4	21.3	– 0.2	– 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	5.9	6.1	6.4	– 0.2	– 0.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	14.7	14.6	14.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.8	13.7	13.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	21.5	21.6	22.1	– 0.1	– 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.4	43.5	42.9	– 0.1	+ 0.5
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.5	1.5	– 0.1	– 0.1
Water Transportation	12.8	12.6	12.3	– 0.2	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.3	133.9	133.5	– 0.6	– 0.2
Wholesale Trade	31.8	31.8	31.5	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade–Durable Goods	18.1	18.1	18.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade–Nondurable Goods	13.7	13.7	13.4	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	101.5	102.1	102.0	– 0.6	– 0.5
General Merchandise	13.3	13.5	13.9	– 0.2	– 0.6
Food Stores	18.7	18.8	18.5	– 0.1	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	35.1	35.0	34.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	34.2	34.2	33.5	0	+ 0.7
Banking	7.3	7.3	7.4	0	– 0.1
SERVICES	134.3	132.8	131.5	+ 1.5	+ 2.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.0	12.8	13.6	+ 0.2	– 0.6
Health Services	36.0	35.6	34.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
GOVERNMENT	84.6	84.9	86.4	– 0.3	– 1.8
Federal	16.0	16.0	15.8	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	68.6	68.9	70.6	– 0.3	– 2.0
State	18.7	18.9	19.6	– 0.2	– 0.9
Local	49.9	50.0	51.0	– 0.1	– 1.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. '88*	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. '88**	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. '87**	Average Weekly Hours Feb. '88*	Average Weekly Hours Jan. '88**	Average Weekly Hours Feb. '87**	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. '88*	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. '88**	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$425.82	$433.13	$430.40	40.4	40.9	40.3	$10.54	$10.59	$10.68
Durable Goods	383.91	381.12	384.74	40.2	39.7	39.1	9.55	9.60	9.84
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	271.87	277.56	250.12	31.0	32.2	26.0	8.77	8.62	9.62
Fabricated Metal Products	443.50	409.53	390.66	41.8	41.2	37.6	10.61	9.94	10.39
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	354.22	352.51	381.22	39.8	38.4	38.9	8.90	9.18	9.80
Nondurable Goods	469.34	486.57	472.79	40.6	42.2	41.4	11.56	11.53	11.42
Food & Kindred Products	312.21	300.14	322.79	35.6	37.1	38.2	8.77	8.09	8.45
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	181.61	186.35	200.01	32.9	35.7	35.4	5.52	5.22	5.65
Paper & Allied Products	403.13	452.12	384.56	45.5	45.9	43.9	8.86	9.85	8.76
Printing & Publishing	366.27	368.00	378.10	38.8	40.0	40.7	9.44	9.20	9.29
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	734.23	731.45	701.32	47.4	46.5	44.5	15.49	15.73	15.76

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.2	52.2	54.3	+ 1.0	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.1	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.2	2.8	+ 0.3	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.0	14.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.7	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.3	10.3	10.6	0	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.5	2.5	- 0.2	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.4	3.6	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.6	4.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.1	1.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.4	11.4	11.4	0	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Health Services	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.6	9.9	10.9	+ 0.7	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.0	9.3	10.3	+ 0.7	- 0.3
State	4.8	4.1	4.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.6
Local	5.2	5.2	6.1	0	- 0.9

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe area rose by 1,000 workers to an estimated 53,200 during mid-February. The primary factor was the return of youths to government payrolls following semester break.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was unchanged over the month.

Construction, which was severely hampered by adverse weather conditions during January, was up by 300 workers in February but was 300 below the last year's estimate. Wholesale and retail trade was up by 100, the gain being in wholesale trade. Services was down by 100; the minimal loss was in banking. Government rose by 700 as a result of the hiring of student workers following the semester break. All other segments were unchanged.

Employment is expected to move upward slowly as unemployment remains high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in February increased to 509,200, a level 800 above January. Gains were largely in services and durable goods in manufacturing. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 3,900 workers, with increases in most industry divisions.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,200 in February, up 300 from the previous month. Durable goods showed an increase of 500 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing was responsible for the increase because of more business. Nondurable goods was down 200 from the previous month with food and kindred products being most affected by seasonal decreases.

Services showed considerable increases in educational services, and more business in both the hotel and hospital industries. Mining moved up, partly due to increases in oil and gas field services. Less favorably, retail trade and construction made normal downward seasonal adjustments. Increases in water transportation were offset by decreases in other segments of transportation and public utilities. State and local government lost employment with decreases reflected in many segments. Wholesale trade and finance, insurance and real estate showed no overall change from the previous month.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $425.82 per week in February, down $7.31 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.4, down 30 minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.54, down five cents from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $4.58 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in February decreased to 58,100, a level 900 below January. The decrease in the labor force was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.9 percent of the labor force compared with 10.0 percent in January and 11.4 percent in February of last year. The February rate was lower than the state rate of 12.1 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 10,477.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a small overall increase. Gains will probably be attributed to normal seasonal increases in mining, construction and transportation and public utilities. Unemployment is expected to show downward movement as employment picks up.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Net Change From Jan. 1988	Net Change From Feb. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.6	131.7	130.1	- 0.1	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	17.1	17.0	18.1	+ 0.1	- 1.0
Durable Goods	12.5	12.4	13.0	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.3	7.3	7.6	0	- 0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.8	5.8	6.2	0	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.7	4.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Good	4.6	4.6	5.1	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.7	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
MINING	3.1	3.2	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	6.6	6.5	6.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.1	8.1	8.5	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.3	32.7	31.3	- 0.4	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	7.9	7.9	7.9	0	0
Retail Trade	24.4	24.8	23.4	- 0.4	+ 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.3	7.4	7.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	32.1	31.8	30.1	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
GOVERNMENT	25.0	25.0	25.2	0	- 0.2
Federal	4.8	4.8	4.5	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	20.2	20.2	20.7	0	- 0.5
State	5.9	5.9	6.1	0	- 0.2
Local	14.3	14.3	14.6	0	- 0.3

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$460.40	$452.28	$505.62	40.6	39.5	42.1	$11.34	$11.45	$12.01
Lumber and Wood Products	216.72	211.39	216.45	30.1	33.5	33.3	7.20	6.31	6.50
Metals and Machinery	475.39	459.95	584.09	43.1	41.7	46.1	11.03	11.03	12.67
Food and Kindred Products	293.18	325.13	351.96	37.3	41.0	42.1	7.86	7.93	8.36
Printing and Publishing	334.78	342.13	319.79	34.8	35.9	32.9	9.62	9.53	9.72
Petroleum and Coal Products	534.11	546.62	537.43	42.9	46.6	45.7	12.45	11.73	11.76

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Shreveport LMA had an estimated 131,600 employed in nonagricultural wage and salary employment. This total is 100 less than in January and 1,500 more than February 1987. The most significant job gains during the past year occurred in retail trade and services, and these gains exceed job losses in manufacturing.

Total manufacturing employment for this LMA, estimated at 17,100, was unchanged except for increased production in other durable goods, resulting in an employment gain of 100. During the past year, manufacturing employment fell from 18,100 to 17,100. This employment loss was equally divided between durable and nondurable goods.

The nonmanufacturing estimate of 114,500 declined from the January total of 114,700, but shows an employment gain of 2,500 since February 1987. The small employment gains in construction and services during the past month were eliminated by job losses in mining, trade, and finance, insurance and real estate.

The average weekly earnings for the 12,600 production workers in manufacturing were $460.40, up from $452.28 in January but $45.22 less than the year-ago figure. Average weekly hours were 40.6, up from 39.5 in January and down from 42.1 in February 1987. Average hourly earnings of $11.34 were down from $11.45 in January and $12.01 in February 1987.

The Shreveport LMA's civilian labor force of 164,900 includes 145,600 employed and 19,300 unemployed. The February unemployment rate for this LMA was 11.7 percent.

Economic conditions for this area are expected to remain sluggish through most of the second quarter. Nonagricultural employment will likely show only small gains. Improvements are expected in construction activities and in services. Total unemployment in this LMA should slowly move down from the current level.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY, 1988

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	2,337	2,000	337	40	37	3	37	30	7
Contractural Construction (15-17)	14,475	10,219	4,256	531	426	105	2,330	1,757	573
Manufacturing (20-29)	5,976	3,162	2,814	143	71	72	302	162	140
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	2,426	1,412	1,014	57	39	18	188	106	82
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,596	1,118	478	51	35	16	177	130	47
Retail Trade (52-59)	7,330	4,493	2,837	243	171	72	819	438	381
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,610	1,259	351	47	37	10	264	188	76
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	11,066	5,955	5,111	330	190	140	1,043	566	477
Public Administration (91-97)	1,326	655	671	54	31	23	122	55	67
All Others	206	127	79	2	2	0	50	31	19
Totals	48,348	30,400	17,948	1,498	1,039	459	5,332	3,463	1,869
- Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	5,357	4,432	925	139	122	17	618	480	138
Clerical and Sales	9,316	6,818	2,498	284	212	72	1,151	789	362
Services Occupations	4,792	1,627	3,165	194	81	113	461	155	306
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	1,634	459	1,175	33	15	18	64	15	49
Processing Occupations	1,474	757	717	12	5	7	65	35	30
Machine Trades	2,246	1,632	614	74	64	10	234	193	41
Benchwork Occupations	1,156	614	542	52	22	30	60	43	17
Structural Work Occupations	14,322	9,690	4,632	510	398	112	2,124	1,488	636
Miscellaneous Occupations	8,051	4,371	3,680	200	120	80	555	265	290
Totals	48,348	30,400	17,948	1,498	1,039	459	5,332	3,463	1,869

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY, 1988

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	171	141	30	324	271	53	52	44	8
Contractural Construction (15-17)	331	270	61	438	301	137	818	661	157
Manufacturing (20-29)	601	437	164	230	118	112	168	81	87
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	116	104	12	94	64	30	218	116	102
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	94	82	12	111	82	29	52	46	6
Retail Trade (52-59)	311	256	55	395	273	122	345	243	102
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	57	48	9	92	77	15	52	41	11
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	354	246	108	478	346	132	338	233	105
Public Administration (91-97)	34	22	12	37	26	11	45	32	13
All Others	33	27	6	7	5	2	5	5	0
Totals	2,102	1,633	469	2,206	1,563	643	2,093	1,502	591
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	245	224	21	342	310	32	228	194	34
Clerical and Sales	332	293	39	564	469	95	374	298	76
Services Occupations	156	87	69	249	101	148	152	76	76
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	63	31	32	23	12	11	68	12	56
Processing Occupations	319	216	103	79	40	39	41	22	19
Machine Trades	88	81	7	100	74	26	93	80	13
Benchwork Occupations	25	19	6	38	22	16	36	32	4
Structural Work Occupations	488	392	96	422	290	132	717	569	148
Miscellaneous Occupations	386	290	96	389	245	144	384	219	165
Totals	2,102	1,633	469	2,206	1,563	643	2,093	1,502	591

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY, 1988

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	33	30	3	187	132	55	170	149	21
Contractural Construction (15-17)	724	574	150	2,560	1,600	960	828	514	314
Manufacturing (20-29)	136	85	51	1,142	622	520	583	295	288
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	52	38	14	862	404	458	189	120	69
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	26	19	7	466	282	184	196	140	56
Retail Trade (52-59)	330	211	119	2,163	1,157	1,006	813	437	376
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	63	53	10	595	434	161	179	144	35
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	303	178	125	3,185	1,669	1,516	1,109	610	499
Public Administration (91-97)	51	26	25	379	138	241	122	58	64
All Others	7	4	3	49	23	26	4	1	3
Totals	1,725	1,218	507	11,588	6,461	5,127	4,193	2,468	1,725
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	228	197	31	1,878	1,465	413	505	441	64
Clerical and Sales	374	283	91	2,894	1,844	1,050	1,008	747	261
Services Occupations	142	43	99	1,550	395	1,155	588	145	443
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	21	11	10	97	33	64	69	25	44
Processing Occupations	11	4	7	286	115	171	54	18	36
Machine Trades	96	67	29	440	308	132	271	143	128
Benchwork Occupations	20	16	4	176	71	105	170	81	89
Structural Work Occupations	510	407	103	2,574	1,512	1,062	876	539	337
Miscellaneous Occupations	323	190	133	1,693	718	975	652	329	323
Totals	1,725	1,218	507	11,588	6,461	5,127	4,193	2,468	1,725

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY MARCH 1988				REVISED FEBRUARY 1988				REVISED MARCH 1987			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,900.4	1,678.1	222.3	11.7	1,910.3	1676.5	233.8	12.2	1,966.4	1,690.2	276.2	14.0
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.3	53.8	6.5	10.7	60.6	53.8	6.8	11.2	60.8	53.8	7.0	11.6
Baton Rouge 2/	259.7	234.3	25.4	9.8	261.5	234.3	27.2	10.4	265.0	235.5	29.5	11.1
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.6	60.4	9.2	13.2	70.0	60.3	9.7	13.9	74.9	59.3	15.6	20.9
Lafayette 4/	97.0	86.4	10.6	10.9	97.8	86.6	11.2	11.5	103.1	87.2	15.9	15.4
Lake Charles 5/	74.8	65.1	9.7	12.9	75.5	65.1	10.4	13.8	75.8	65.3	10.5	13.8
Monroe 6/	67.9	60.3	7.6	11.2	68.2	60.2	8.0	11.7	70.3	62.2	8.1	11.5
New Orleans 7/	587.8	530.5	57.3	9.8	590.2	531.0	59.2	10.0	606.0	538.3	67.7	11.2
Shreveport 8/	164.3	145.8	18.5	11.3	165.4	146.0	19.4	11.8	169.1	146.6	22.5	13.3

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,494,600 for March, an increase of 4,900 from the February revised figure and 29,700 above the comparable period a year ago. The state's nonmanufacturing employment increase was centered in construction and services. Manufacturing payrolls for March increased in the durable goods industry.

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Durable goods employment for March, at 73,900 was 1,100 higher than last month and 5,500 above the March 1987 figure. Concrete, gypsum and plaster products manufacturing was among several segments of the stone, clay and glass products industry experiencing increased activity in March. An increase in business for ship and boat building and repairing firms was responsible for the gain in transportation equipment.

Employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing was estimated at 93,200 for March, a decrease of 200 from the February level. The most significant factor in this month's decrease of nondurable goods employment in the food and kindred products industry was a decrease in production of bakery products.

Louisiana's employment for the nonmanufacturing industries during March was 1,327,500, up by 4,000 over the February revised level. Mining employment was higher due to an increase in the exploration for oil and gas. An upturn in heavy construction payrolls contributed to the higher level of employment for total construction for March. Transportation and public utilities employment held steady for March. Trade employment fell by 500 workers due largely to decreases in the retail trade segment. Finance, insurance and real estate rose by 100 employees. Personnel services, business services and health services were largely responsible for the growth of employment for total services. Estimated government employment for March was up by 400 due in large part to an increase in state education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's production workers in manufacturing increased from $453.78 in February to $455.99 in March, an increase of $2.21, but a decrease of $1.72 from the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were five cents lower in March than last month, and $0.17 lower than the year-ago figure. Weekly hours averaged 42.3 for the current month, up 0.4 hours from February's revised level.

Estimated total unemployment for Louisiana during March amounted to 222,300, a decrease of 11,500 below February's revised level of 233,800. The unemployment rate for March was 11.7 percent, compared to 12.2 percent for the prior month and 14.0 percent for March 1987. The comparable national unemployment rate for March was 5.9 percent, compared to 6.2 percent in February and 6.9 percent for March of last year. The state's civilian labor force decreased from 1,910,300 in February to 1,900,400 in March, a loss of 9,900. Total employment, estimated at 1,678,100 for the current month, was up by 1,600 over last month's revised figure but was 12,100 below March of last year.

Louisiana's unemployment rate may fall in the next month. Manufacturing employment could edge up. Construction payrolls could benefit from better weather conditions.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1988*	February 1988**	March 1987**	Net Change from February 1988	Net Change from March 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,494.6	1,489.7	1,464.9	+ 4.9	+29.7
MINING	55.0	54.7	53.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	52.2	52.0	50.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.7	2.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	78.9	76.9	78.9	+ 2.0	0
MANUFACTURING	167.1	166.2	159.5	+ 0.9	+ 7.6
Durable Goods	73.9	72.8	68.4	+ 1.1	+ 5.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	11.9	12.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.5	5.3	5.5	+ 0.2	0
Primary Metal Industries	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	11.1	11.0	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.0	8.9	7.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.1	7.6	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	23.0	22.5	19.0	+ 0.5	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.5	2.2	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	93.2	93.4	91.1	- 0.2	+ 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	18.8	19.1	19.1	- 0.3	- 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.4	9.5	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Paper & Allied Products	12.1	12.0	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	10.3	10.2	9.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.4	25.4	25.0	0	+ 0.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.3	12.3	12.2	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.1	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.9	4.9	4.7	0	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	103.9	103.9	103.2	0	+ 0.7
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.4	0	- 0.3
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.7	58.7	57.6	0	+ 1.1
Water Transportation	23.1	23.0	22.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.1	40.1	40.2	0	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.0	17.9	18.4	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.1	22.2	21.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	362.1	362.6	356.3	- 0.5	+ 5.8
Wholesale Trade	82.4	82.3	80.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.8	45.6	44.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.6	36.7	35.5	- 0.1	+ 1.1
Retail Trade	279.7	280.3	276.1	- 0.6	+ 3.6
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.6	57.7	56.6	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Food Stores	56.0	56.2	54.8	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.4	30.4	29.3	0	+ 1.1
Eating & Drinking Places	84.6	84.6	85.3	0	- 0.7
Other Retail Trade	51.1	51.4	50.1	- 0.3	+ 1.0

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1988*	February 1988**	March 1987**	Net Change from February 1988	Net Change from March 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.7	84.6	84.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Banking	24.8	24.9	25.5	- 0.1	- 0.7
SERVICES	328.3	326.6	314.5	+ 1.7	+13.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.4	22.4	21.6	0	+ 0.8
Personal Services	14.8	14.4	14.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Business Services	57.9	57.2	55.3	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.5	9.4	9.5	+ 0.1	0
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.6	8.8	7.6	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Health Services	103.0	102.6	98.6	+ 0.4	+ 4.4
Legal Services	15.4	15.4	14.7	0	+ 0.7
Educational Services	25.7	25.6	22.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.1
Social Services	19.0	18.9	18.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.7	25.6	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	15.0	15.0	15.1	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	314.6	314.2	315.2	+ 0.4	- 0.6
Federal	36.2	36.2	35.9	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	278.4	278.0	279.3	+ 0.4	- 0.9
State	98.2	97.9	97.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Local	180.2	180.1	181.7	+ 0.1	- 1.5

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$455.99	$453.78	$457.71	42.3	41.9	41.8	$10.78	$10.83	$10.95
Durable Goods	417.22	410.48	411.35	42.4	41.8	41.3	9.84	9.82	9.96
Lumber & Wood Products	349.49	363.54	346.33	43.2	43.8	43.4	8.09	8.30	7.98
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	373.01	367.69	365.31	40.5	40.9	40.5	9.21	8.99	9.02
Fabricated Metal Products	443.49	440.74	423.58	45.3	44.7	42.4	9.79	9.86	9.99
Machinery, ex. Electrical	388.94	375.65	386.75	43.8	41.1	43.7	8.88	9.14	8.85
Electric & Electronic Equip.	538.00	515.29	555.16	41.1	40.1	40.2	13.09	12.85	13.81
Transportation Equipment	440.84	429.95	431.34	41.2	40.6	39.0	10.70	10.59	11.00
Nondurable Goods	490.36	491.82	496.69	42.2	42.0	42.2	11.62	11.71	11.77
Food & Kindred Products	299.92	293.68	302.25	38.8	37.7	38.7	7.73	7.79	7.81
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	204.38	203.96	200.09	37.5	37.7	37.4	5.45	5.41	5.35
Paper & Allied Products	567.67	565.45	553.71	43.6	43.0	42.3	13.02	13.15	13.09
Printing & Publishing	397.00	388.96	407.54	38.1	37.8	39.3	10.42	10.29	10.37
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	707.17	700.58	691.20	46.1	45.7	45.0	15.34	15.33	15.36
Petroleum & Coal Products	671.13	697.16	720.85	45.5	46.2	47.3	14.75	15.09	15.24
Petroleum Refining	677.55	707.78	737.07	45.2	46.2	47.4	14.99	15.32	15.55
MINING	526.77	529.62	536.40	45.1	45.5	45.0	11.68	11.64	11.92
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	504.40	511.81	494.09	38.8	39.4	40.4	13.00	12.99	12.23
BANKING	264.83	262.67	255.06	37.3	37.1	39.0	7.10	7.08	6.54

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,000 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,600 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 03 88				REVISED 02 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,675	19,325	3,350	14.8	22,700	19,225	3,475	15.3
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,500	8,175	1,325	14.0	9,550	8,150	1,400	14.6
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,850	4,250	1,600	27.4	6,000	4,125	1,875	31.1
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,125	12,175	2,950	19.5	15,250	12,050	3,200	21.0
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,800	13,200	1,600	10.9	14,650	12,875	1,775	12.1
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,500	5,550	950	14.7	6,350	5,525	825	13.2
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,275	3,600	675	15.7	4,275	3,575	700	16.6
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,325	3,725	600	13.8	4,325	3,750	575	13.3
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,250	3,225	1,025	24.2	4,350	3,200	1,150	26.4
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,950	7,150	800	10.1	7,875	7,075	800	10.2
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,750	7,950	1,800	18.5	10,025	7,975	2,050	20.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,025	11,275	1,750	13.4	12,725	11,100	1,625	12.8
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,275	3,275	1,000	23.2	4,350	3,225	1,125	26.0
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,225	7,350	875	10.6	8,300	7,275	1,025	12.3
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,500	10,750	1,750	14.0	12,600	10,700	1,900	15.1
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,150	6,725	1,425	17.5	8,250	6,600	1,650	19.9
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,750	5,700	1,050	15.6	6,850	5,725	1,125	16.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,500	20,675	3,825	15.7	24,800	20,650	4,150	16.7
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,425	9,450	1,975	17.3	11,500	9,425	2,075	18.1
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,325	6,675	650	9.0	7,425	6,600	825	11.1
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,400	10,425	1,975	15.8	12,450	10,375	2,075	16.7
JENA (LASALLE)	6,350	5,650	700	11.1	6,400	5,650	750	11.8
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,725	16,675	1,050	6.0	17,750	16,650	1,100	6.2
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,750	4,675	1,075	18.6	5,975	4,700	1,275	21.3
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,300	10,075	2,225	18.1	12,425	10,050	2,375	19.1
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,400	14,475	1,925	11.7	16,300	14,400	1,900	11.6
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,025	7,850	1,175	13.0	9,100	7,875	1,225	13.5
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,300	5,925	1,375	18.7	7,350	5,850	1,500	20.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,850	3,675	1,175	24.1	4,200	3,600	600	14.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,025	7,450	1,575	17.4	9,000	7,375	1,625	18.0
MANY (SABINE)	9,800	8,825	975	10.0	9,725	8,725	1,000	10.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,625	2,250	375	14.1	2,600	2,200	400	15.6
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,225	6,800	1,425	17.4	8,375	6,825	1,550	18.4
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	32,875	27,300	5,575	17.0	33,200	27,250	5,950	17.9
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	22,925	18,800	4,125	18.0	23,325	18,800	4,525	19.4
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,500	32,925	5,575	14.5	38,475	32,850	5,625	14.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,150	2,650	500	15.9	3,225	2,650	575	18.0
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,225	7,075	1,150	14.0	8,200	7,000	1,200	14.5
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,725	16,350	3,375	17.1	19,750	16,225	3,525	17.8
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,175	17,275	1,900	9.9	19,275	17,225	2,050	10.7
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,825	15,750	2,075	11.7	17,950	15,700	2,250	12.5
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,025	16,150	2,875	15.1	19,150	16,200	2,950	15.4
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,900	3,500	1,400	28.5	4,925	3,450	1,475	29.9
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,200	3,775	425	10.0	4,175	3,700	475	11.5
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,525	5,000	525	9.6	5,650	5,050	600	10.6

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

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ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1988*	February 1988**	March 1987**	Net Change From February 1988	Net Change From March 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.4	45.4	44.5	0	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.5	3.4	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.1	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	10.9	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.8	8.7	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.1	11.1	10.8	0	+ 0.3
Health Services	4.9	4.9	4.6	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.7	12.5	0	+ 0.2
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 0.1
State	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,400 for the month of March. This estimate was the same as last month, and 900 more than March of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,400 during March. This estimate was 100 less than February, and the decline occurred in other durable goods. Since March of last year, total manufacturing has not changed, but there were offsetting changes in other durable and nondurable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,000 during March. This estimate was 100 more than the previous month and 900 more than last March. Since last month, the only increase occurred in retail trade. Since last March, employment in nonmanufacturing has increased by 900. Industries showing improvements include all major segments except mining and construction.

During the next thirty days employment should increase slightly with a corresponding decline in the number of unemployed.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1988*	February 1988**	March 1987**	Net Change From February 1988	Net Change From March 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	212.6	212.2	209.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.7	18.2	0	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	4.0	4.0	3.8	0	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.7	14.7	14.4	0	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.2	10.1	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	19.9	19.7	19.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	50.5	50.3	49.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	11.5	11.5	10.7	0	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.8	7.8	7.4	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.3	0	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	39.0	38.8	39.2	+ 0.2	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.4	13.2	0	+ 0.2
Banking	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	43.6	43.6	42.1	0	+ 1.5
GOVERNMENT	55.3	55.3	55.4	0	- 0.1
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	53.0	53.0	53.2	0	- 0.2
State	30.5	30.6	31.2	- 0.1	- 0.7
Local	22.5	22.4	22.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$529.48	$540.82	$519.16	42.7	43.3	42.8	$12.40	$12.49	$12.13
Petro-Chemicals	684.78	712.62	678.60	45.5	47.1	46.8	15.05	15.13	14.50

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.'

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 212,600 during March, was up 400 from the revised February estimate and up 2,900 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700, was unchanged during the current period. However, March employment was up from the year-ago totals in the following industries: fabricated metal products, other durable goods, printing and publishing, chemical and petroleum products, and other nondurable goods.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 400 during March. Construction was up due to more business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings. Retail trade was up due to more business in eating and drinking places. Staff reductions in state government were offset by payroll increases in local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,400 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $529.48, down $11.34 from the revised February average. Average weekly hours, at 42.7, were down 0.6 hours and average hourly earnings were down nine cents per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 234,300 during March, unchanged from the revised February estimate. Unemployment, at 25,400, was down 1,800 during the current period. The local unemployment rate was 9.8 percent, compared to 10.4 percent for February and 11.1 percent for March of last year. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 259,700 during the current period.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,928 individuals with new and renewal applications, and placed 743 applicants in jobs during March.

The consumer price index for February, 1988 for all urban consumers was 116.0 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 114.7 using base period 1982, 1983, 1984=100.

Employment is expected to decline during the coming months due to announced state government budget reductions, while seasonal changes may increase the unemployment rate in the Baton Rouge area.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1988*	February 1988**	March 1987**	Net Change From February 1988	Net Change From March 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.5	52.1	50.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.1	3.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	3.0	2.9	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.2	1.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
MINING	5.9	5.8	5.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	1.6	1.5	1.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.8	5.7	5.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Water Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.3	13.3	12.9	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.7	2.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.5	10.6	10.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.2	2.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
SERVICES	8.8	8.8	8.5	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.6	10.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.1	10.2	10.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
State	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Local	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux labor market area in March moved up to 52,500, a level 400 above February. Many segments of employment showed small increases. Since March of 1987, total employment exhibited a gain of 2,000, or almost 4 percent.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,300 in March, up 200 from the previous month. The durable goods segment increased 100 due to more business, with gains spread throughout the industries. The nondurable goods segment was up 100 over the previous month, with seafood processing accounting for most of the increase.

Mining added workers as weather became more favorable for outside activity. Construction pushed up seasonally. In transportation and public utilities, water transportation held steady, but other industries in this division displayed a small overall gain. Retail trade eased down, mostly in employment by eating and drinking places. Wholesale trade edged up in durable goods. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady. Services showed no significant change. State government tapered off in employment by educational services.

Estimated unemployment in March was 9,200, down 500 from February. Unemployment presently comprises 13.2 percent of the labor force compared to 13.9 percent in February and 20.9 percent in March 1987. Recipients of regular unemployment benefit numbered 1,578.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a small seasonal gain. Construction and mining will benefit from better weather for outside work. Retail trade will probably add workers. Unemployment is predicted to show some decreases as employment increases.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1988*	February 1988**	March 1987**	Net Change From February 1988	Net Change From March 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.2	82.3	80.8	- 0.1	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	6.0	6.0	5.7	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
MINING	10.4	10.4	10.2	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.5	5.5	5.7	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.4	22.5	22.4	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	5.1	5.2	5.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	17.3	17.3	17.4	0	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.7	2.7	2.9	0	- 0.2
Food Stores	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.5	0	+ 0.3
Other Retail Trade	9.9	9.9	10.1	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.7	3.7	4.0	0	- 0.3
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.4	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	18.3	18.3	16.6	0	+ 1.7
GOVERNMENT	12.9	13.0	13.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	12.0	12.1	12.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
State	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
Local	6.9	7.0	7.2	- 0.1	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette labor market area was estimated at 82,200, a decrease of 100 from the previous month but 1,400 above the March 1987 level.

Employment in construction rose by 100 in March but is 100 below the comparable period a year ago. Wholesale and retail trade showed a decrease of 100 from last month's revised figure. Government decreased by 100 for March and is down 200 from March 1987. All other sectors showed no change from the previous month.

For the next thirty days, employment and the unemployment rate should remain stable.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	March 1988*	February 1988**	March 1987**	February 1988	March 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.0	57.7	57.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
MANUFACTURING	11.1	11.0	10.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	1.7	0	+ 0.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	1.5	0	+ 0.9
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.4	8.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.6	7.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.9	3.8	4.5	+ 0.1	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.9	3.9	3.7	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.4	14.2	14.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	11.5	11.3	11.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	2.3	0	- 0.3
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.9	3.8	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.0	11.1	10.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.0	10.0	10.3	0	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.4	9.4	9.7	0	- 0.3
State	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	+ 0.2
Local	5.9	5.9	6.4	0	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,000, an increase of 300 from February's revised figure and 1,000 above the March 1987 figure.

Manufacturing increased by 100 in the chemical and petroleum products industry. Compared to a year ago, manufacturing is up by 1,100. Construction rose by 100 for March but is 600 below the March 1987 figure. Wholesale and retail trade moved up by 200 from the previous month and is 400 above the comparable period a year ago. Services moved down by 100 from last month's figure but showed an increase of 100 over the March 1987 revised figure.

The unemployment rate should remain close to the present level for the next 30 days.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1988*	February 1988**	March 1987**	Net Change From February 1988	Net Change From March 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.3	53.1	53.9	+ 0.2	- 0.6
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.1	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.5	2.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.1	14.3	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	10.3	10.3	10.7	0	- 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.0	1.1	+ 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.4	3.6	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.5	11.4	11.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Health Services	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	10.6	0	0
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.0	10.0	10.0	0	0
State	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+ 0.6
Local	5.2	5.2	5.8	0	- 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 53,300, was 200 above the February estimate.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was unchanged over the month.

Construction, estimated at 2,600, was 100 above the February estimate and reflects an improvement in weather conditions. Services, estimated at 11,500, was up by 100. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

Employment is expected to increase slightly over the next 30 days as weather conditions improve. Unemployment is expected to remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1988*	February 1988**	March 1987**	Net Change From February 1988	Net Change From March 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	510.2	509.8	507.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
MANUFACTURING	43.3	43.1	41.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
Durable Goods	22.3	22.0	19.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.2	1.2	1.4	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.4	0	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	13.7	13.4	11.8	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.0	9.7	8.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.7	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	21.0	21.1	21.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.8	5.8	6.2	0	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.8	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.9	3.9	3.9	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	14.8	14.7	14.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.9	13.8	13.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	22.3	21.8	21.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.4	43.4	43.1	0	+ 0.3
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	12.9	12.8	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.5	133.6	133.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	31.6	31.8	31.5	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.0	18.1	18.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.7	13.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	101.9	101.8	102.3	+ 0.1	- 0.4
General Merchandise	13.6	13.4	13.8	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Food Stores	18.5	18.7	18.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	35.2	35.2	35.4	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	34.0	34.2	33.6	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Banking	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
SERVICES	134.7	134.5	132.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	13.2	14.0	- 0.1	- 0.9
Health Services	36.2	36.0	35.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
GOVERNMENT	84.2	84.5	86.6	- 0.3	- 2.4
Federal	15.9	16.0	15.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	68.3	68.5	70.8	- 0.2	- 2.5
State	18.7	18.8	19.6	- 0.1	- 0.9
Local	49.6	49.7	51.2	- 0.1	- 1.6

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$420.86	$423.55	$431.47	40.9	40.3	40.4	$10.29	$10.51	$10.68
Durable Goods	382.42	378.90	384.55	40.9	39.8	39.2	9.35	9.52	9.81
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	272.10	271.87	266.49	30.0	31.0	28.2	9.07	8.77	9.45
Fabricated Metal Products	421.31	429.55	415.23	43.3	40.6	41.9	9.73	10.58	9.91
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	351.35	354.22	372.24	39.7	39.8	38.1	8.85	8.90	9.77
Nondurable Goods	462.99	470.42	473.62	40.9	40.8	41.4	11.32	11.53	11.44
Food & Kindred Products	309.49	314.00	321.39	36.8	36.3	37.9	8.41	8.65	8.48
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	183.12	176.23	192.15	33.6	32.1	35.0	5.45	5.49	5.49
Paper & Allied Products	439.15	403.13	391.50	48.1	45.5	43.5	9.13	8.86	9.00
Printing & Publishing	365.98	361.34	398.56	39.1	38.4	42.4	9.36	9.41	9.40
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	725.10	733.96	720.74	46.6	47.2	44.6	15.56	15.55	16.16

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in March increased to 510,200, a level 400 above February. Gains were largely in the construction segment. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 3,200 workers, with increases in all industry divisions except wholesale and retail trade and government.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,300 in March, up 200 from the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing was responsible for the majority of the increase, due to more business. The nondurable goods segment was down 100 from the previous month, with apparel and other textile products experiencing a decrease in business.

Construction was boosted by significant increases in special trade and heavy construction contracts. Gains in services were mostly attributed to gradual increases in both the business and health services segments. Mining showed normal seasonal increases. Less favorably, government lost workers, partly reflecting difficulties in costs and funding. Finance, insurance and real estate adjusted downward, and transportation and public utilities held steady. Changes in wholesale and retail trade were mostly seasonal in nature.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $420.86 per week in March, down $2.69 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.9, up 36 minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.29, down $0.22 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $10.61 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in March decreased to 57,300, a level 1,900 below February. The decrease in the labor force was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.8 percent of the labor force compared with 10.0 percent in February and 11.2 percent in March of last year. The March rate was lower than the state rate of 11.7 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 10,281.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a slight overall increase. Gains will probably be attributed to seasonal increases in construction, mining, and transportation and public utilities. Unemployment will probably show a slight decrease.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1988*	February 1988**	March 1987**	Net Change From February 1988	 March 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.7	131.8	130.1	- 0.1	+ 1.6
MANUFACTURING	17.0	17.1	18.1	- 0.1	- 1.1
Durable Goods	12.3	12.5	13.0	- 0.2	- 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.2	7.4	7.6	- 0.2	- 0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.4	1.5	1.4	- 0.1	0
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.8	5.9	6.2	- 0.1	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.9	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Good	4.7	4.6	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.5	0.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
MINING	2.9	3.0	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	6.9	6.8	6.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.0	8.3	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.1	32.3	31.4	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.9	8.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	24.3	24.4	23.4	- 0.1	+ 0.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.3	7.3	7.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	32.3	32.2	30.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
GOVERNMENT	25.2	25.1	25.2	+ 0.1	0
Federal	4.8	4.8	4.6	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	20.4	20.3	20.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
State	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 0.1
Local	14.4	14.3	14.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**	March '88*	February '88**	March '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$480.73	$464.13	$485.21	41.3	40.5	40.2	$11.64	$11.46	$12.07
Lumber and Wood Products	257.56	216.72	245.75	37.6	30.1	38.1	6.85	7.20	6.45
Metals and Machinery	468.42	474.29	524.58	42.2	43.0	42.0	11.10	11.03	12.49
Food and Kindred Products	332.48	293.18	345.68	39.3	37.3	41.9	8.46	7.86	8.25
Printing and Publishing	345.68	334.78	361.92	35.6	34.8	34.6	9.71	9.62	10.46
Petroleum and Coal Products	540.67	534.11	634.55	44.1	42.9	49.0	12.26	12.45	12.95

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 131,700, was mostly unchanged from the revised February total. Manufacturing employment dropped 100 while total nonmanufacturing employment remained the same as estimated for the previous month.

The manufacturing employment total of 17,000 moved down from 17,100 as durable goods production in metals and machinery met with reduced demands. The small employment gains in food and kindred products in nondurable goods were not enough to offset the job losses in durable goods.

The nonmanufacturing employment total of 114,700 was unchanged from February. The small gains over the month in construction, services and government were eliminated by the job losses occurring in mining and trade.

The Shreveport labor market area had an estimated 12,600 production workers in manufacturing with average weekly earnings of $480.73, up $16.60 from February, and $4.48 less than the year-ago earnings. Average weekly hours of 41.3 were up from 40.5 for February and 40.2 in March, 1987. Average hourly earnings of $11.64 were up from $11.46 in February, but less than last year's estimate of $12.07.

The Shreveport LMA's civilian labor force of 164,300 includes 145,800 employed and 18,500 unemployed. The March unemployment rate for this LMA was 11.3 percent.

Small gains in nonagricultural employment are expected during the next 60 days. Manufacturing employment will show some growth as a new firm begins operation. The new racing season will add jobs in both services and retail trade. Employment in government will probably decline. Total unemployment should slowly decline from the present level.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY APRIL 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED MARCH 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED APRIL 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,886.0	1,685.7	200.3	10.6	1,893.8	1,670.7	223.1	11.8	1,974.6	1,716.9	257.7	13.0
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.7	53.9	5.8	9.8	59.9	53.5	6.4	10.7	61.5	54.9	6.6	10.7
Baton Rouge 2/	258.2	235.7	22.5	8.7	259.4	234.0	25.4	9.8	265.9	238.3	27.6	10.4
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.1	61.0	8.1	11.8	69.5	60.3	9.2	13.2	74.9	60.7	14.2	18.9
Lafayette 4/	95.9	86.4	9.5	9.9	96.6	86.0	10.6	11.0	102.3	87.6	14.7	14.4
Lake Charles 5/	73.8	65.5	8.3	11.3	74.3	64.7	9.6	13.0	77.3	66.8	10.5	13.6
Monroe 6/	67.3	60.3	7.0	10.3	67.5	59.8	7.7	11.5	71.4	63.9	7.5	10.6
New Orleans 7/	585.5	531.5	54.0	9.2	586.6	528.1	58.5	10.0	607.3	541.7	65.6	10.8
Shreveport 8/	163.3	146.4	16.9	10.4	163.8	145.4	18.4	11.2	169.2	149.2	20.0	11.8

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during April amounted to 1,495,600, an increase of 1,100 above the previous month and an increase of 18,000 above the comparable period a year ago. The increase in nonmanufacturing payrolls for the current month was centered in the construction segment. Manufacturing employment for April was up as a result of an increase in the durable goods industry.

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During April, total estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing increased by 600 workers. More demand for fabricated structural metal products contributed to the increase in fabricated metal products employment. A return to the normal employment level for a plant in the electrical and electronic equipment industry, after a partial shutdown, was responsible for the increase of other durable goods employment. An increase in transportation equipment industry payrolls was centered in the ship and boat building and repairing segment.

Nondurable goods employment, at 93,400, showed no net change from last month. Food and kindred products fell 200, while chemicals and allied products rose 200 for the current month.

Nonmanufacturing employment for Louisiana was estimated at 1,328,000 in April, an increase of 500 above the March revised level and 12,500 above the April 1987 figure. Mining employment was lower due to decreased production of crude petroleum and natural gas. General building construction, heavy construction and several special trades all experienced employment growth in April, with heavy construction showing the largest increase. Transportation and public utilities suffered a decrease in employment level largely due to a slowdown in the water transportation segment. Trade employment was up primarily due to an increase in the wholesale trade-nondurable goods segment. Finance, insurance and real estate increased by 100. Decreases in amusement and recreation services were significant in the lower level of employment for total services in April. Government employment was down mainly as a result of a drop in the number of state government employees.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 123,000 production workers in manufacturing increased from $462.21 in March to $466.23 in April, an increase of $4.02, and an increase of $12.34 from the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were $0.12 higher in April than last month, but two cents lower than the year-ago figure. Weekly hours averaged 42.5 for the current month, down 0.1 hours from the March revised level of 42.6 hours.

Total unemployment for Louisiana during April amounted to 200,300, a decrease of 22,800 below the March revised level of 223,100. The unemployment rate for April was 10.6 percent, compared to 11.8 percent for March and 13.0 percent for April 1987. The comparable national unemployment rate for April was 5.3 percent, compared to 5.9 percent in March and 6.2 percent for April of last year. The state's civilian labor force decreased from 1,893,800 in March to 1,886,000 in April, a loss of 7,800. Total employment, estimated at 1,685,700 for the current month, was up by 15,000 over the last month's revised figure but was 31,200 below April of last year.

Louisiana's unemployment rate will probably remain close to the current level for the next month. Manufacturing may increase during the next month. Employment in construction and services may increase in the early summer months.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1988*	March 1988**	April 1987**	Net Change from March 1988	Net Change from April 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,495.6	1,494.5	1,477.6	+ 1.1	+18.0
MINING	54.7	54.9	53.0	- 0.2	+ 1.7
Oil and Gas Extraction	51.9	52.1	50.3	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	81.5	79.3	81.8	+ 2.2	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	167.6	167.0	162.1	+ 0.6	+ 5.5
Durable Goods	74.2	73.6	69.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.4
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	12.0	12.2	0	- 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.7	0.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.5	5.5	5.8	0	- 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	11.3	11.1	10.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.1	9.0	7.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.1	6.8	7.5	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	23.2	23.0	20.0	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.6	2.6	2.3	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	93.4	93.4	92.3	0	+ 1.1
Food & Kindred Products	18.8	19.0	19.4	- 0.2	- 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.5	9.4	8.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Paper & Allied Products	12.1	12.1	11.7	0	+ 0.4
Printing & Publishing	10.3	10.3	10.1	0	+ 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.6	25.4	25.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.3	12.3	12.2	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.2	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.8	4.9	4.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	104.0	104.3	103.3	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.4	0	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.8	58.9	57.8	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Water Transportation	22.8	23.2	22.6	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.0	40.2	40.1	- 0.2	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.0	18.1	18.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.0	22.1	21.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	361.1	360.9	358.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade	82.7	82.4	81.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.8	45.8	44.8	0	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.9	36.6	36.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	278.4	278.5	277.2	- 0.1	+ 1.2
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	56.7	56.5	56.7	+ 0.2	0
Food Stores	55.4	55.9	55.7	- 0.5	- 0.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.8	30.5	29.8	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Eating & Drinking Places	84.5	84.4	84.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	51.0	51.2	50.7	- 0.2	+ 0.3

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1988*	March 1988**	April 1987**	Net Change from March 1988	Net Change from April 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.8	84.7	84.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Banking	24.8	24.8	25.3	0	- 0.5
SERVICES	328.2	328.7	318.2	- 0.5	+10.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.4	22.2	21.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Personal Services	14.8	14.7	14.8	+ 0.1	0
Business Services	58.1	57.9	56.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.5	9.6	9.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.2	5.4	5.2	- 0.2	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.0	8.8	8.2	- 0.8	- 0.2
Health Services	103.2	103.2	99.4	0	+ 3.8
Legal Services	15.2	15.4	14.7	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Educational Services	25.8	25.7	22.7	+ 0.1	+ 3.1
Social Services	19.0	19.1	19.0	- 0.1	0
Membership Organizations	26.0	25.8	25.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	14.9	15.0	15.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	313.7	314.7	316.5	- 1.0	- 2.8
Federal	36.1	36.0	36.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
State and Local	277.6	278.7	280.2	- 1.1	- 2.6
State	97.3	98.5	98.1	- 1.2	- 0.8
Local	180.3	180.2	182.1	+ 0.1	- 1.8

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$466.23	$462.21	$453.89	42.5	42.6	41.3	$10.97	$10.85	$10.99
Durable Goods	426.99	417.22	402.62	43.0	42.4	41.0	9.93	9.84	9.82
Lumber & Wood Products	354.06	349.49	350.20	42.2	43.2	42.5	8.39	8.09	8.24
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	352.34	379.05	363.15	42.4	41.7	43.7	8.31	9.09	8.31
Fabricated Metal Products	423.04	437.78	439.66	43.3	44.9	44.5	9.77	9.75	9.88
Machinery, ex. Electrical	400.20	388.48	390.01	43.5	43.6	43.0	9.20	8.91	9.07
Electric & Electronic Equip.	588.07	552.15	483.22	43.4	40.9	37.0	13.55	13.50	13.06
Transportation Equipment	462.84	440.84	420.42	43.5	41.2	38.5	10.64	10.70	10.92
Nondurable Goods	499.80	501.19	498.37	42.0	42.8	41.6	11.90	11.71	11.98
Food & Kindred Products	312.15	302.63	311.98	38.3	38.7	38.9	8.15	7.82	8.02
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	204.66	202.29	183.04	37.9	37.6	33.1	5.40	5.38	5.53
Paper & Allied Products	586.92	567.68	560.35	43.8	43.5	41.6	13.40	13.05	13.47
Printing & Publishing	396.00	393.84	401.19	38.9	38.2	38.8	10.18	10.31	10.34
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	683.32	725.80	699.24	44.4	47.5	45.2	15.39	15.28	15.47
Petroleum & Coal Products	726.06	699.93	718.04	47.3	46.6	46.9	15.35	15.02	15.31
Petroleum Refining	743.99	713.11	734.45	47.6	46.7	46.9	15.63	15.27	15.66
MINING	536.36	532.35	532.18	46.0	45.5	45.1	11.66	11.70	11.80
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	511.34	509.21	491.17	40.2	39.2	39.9	12.72	12.99	12.31
BANKING	266.42	264.46	255.74	36.9	37.3	38.0	7.22	7.09	6.73

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,000 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,900 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 04 88				REVISED 03 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,225	19,325	2,900	13.0	22,500	19,175	3,325	14.8
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,500	8,325	1,175	12.3	9,500	8,175	1,325	14.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,600	4,375	1,225	21.8	5,825	4,225	1,600	27.4
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,100	12,475	2,625	17.4	15,075	12,125	2,950	19.5
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,825	13,350	1,475	10.0	14,800	13,175	1,625	10.9
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,325	5,600	725	11.4	6,475	5,525	950	14.8
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,225	3,625	600	14.0	4,250	3,575	675	15.7
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,400	3,875	525	11.8	4,325	3,725	600	13.7
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,125	3,300	825	19.8	4,225	3,200	1,025	24.1
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,800	7,075	725	9.2	7,875	7,075	800	10.1
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,700	8,125	1,575	16.1	9,675	7,875	1,800	18.7
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,875	11,325	1,550	12.1	12,900	11,175	1,725	13.3
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,350	3,375	975	22.3	4,225	3,250	975	23.2
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,200	7,425	775	9.5	8,175	7,300	875	10.7
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,325	10,725	1,600	13.0	12,375	10,650	1,725	14.0
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	7,975	6,775	1,200	15.0	8,125	6,675	1,450	17.7
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,700	5,775	925	13.9	6,725	5,700	1,025	15.3
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,175	20,725	3,450	14.2	24,325	20,500	3,825	15.7
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,200	9,450	1,750	15.7	11,375	9,400	1,975	17.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,275	6,650	625	8.7	7,325	6,650	675	9.1
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,125	10,425	1,700	14.1	12,300	10,350	1,950	15.9
JENA (LASALLE)	6,325	5,650	675	10.6	6,325	5,625	700	11.1
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,975	17,025	950	5.2	17,600	16,550	1,050	6.0
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,850	4,975	875	14.9	5,825	4,750	1,075	18.5
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,250	10,275	1,975	16.1	12,225	10,000	2,225	18.2
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,000	14,475	1,525	9.6	16,275	14,375	1,900	11.7
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,000	7,925	1,075	11.9	8,975	7,800	1,175	13.1
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,175	5,950	1,225	17.1	7,225	5,875	1,350	18.7
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,150	3,650	500	11.9	4,825	3,650	1,175	24.4
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,925	7,575	1,350	15.1	8,975	7,400	1,575	17.6
MANY (SABINE)	9,850	8,925	925	9.3	9,775	8,800	975	10.0
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,575	2,250	325	12.2	2,600	2,225	375	14.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,150	6,900	1,250	15.2	8,175	6,750	1,425	17.5
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	32,400	27,375	5,025	15.5	32,650	27,100	5,550	17.0
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	22,525	19,000	3,525	15.6	22,775	18,675	4,100	18.0
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,125	32,900	5,225	13.7	38,275	32,700	5,575	14.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,075	2,675	400	12.8	3,125	2,625	500	15.9
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,175	7,100	1,075	13.1	8,175	7,025	1,150	14.0
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,325	16,325	3,000	15.5	19,575	16,225	3,350	17.1
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,975	17,275	1,700	8.9	19,150	17,250	1,900	10.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,675	15,800	1,875	10.6	17,825	15,725	2,100	11.8
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,000	16,475	2,525	13.3	18,950	16,100	2,850	15.1
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,925	3,500	1,425	28.7	4,850	3,450	1,400	28.8
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,200	3,825	375	9.0	4,175	3,750	425	10.0
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,550	5,075	475	8.6	5,500	4,975	525	9.7

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1988*	March 1988**	April 1987**	Net Change From March 1988	Net Change From April 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	45.4	44.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.9	10.9	10.5	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.7	8.7	8.4	0	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.4	3.5	3.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.2	11.2	11.1	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.0	5.0	4.7	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.7	12.7	0	0
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 0.1
State	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,500 during the month of April. This estimate was 100 more than the previous month and 600 more than April of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,400 during April. This estimate was unchanged from the previous month and April of last year.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,100 for the month of April. This estimate was 100 more than March and 600 more than April of last year. During the past thirty days, construction and eating and drinking places have increased employment, with other retail trade showing a slight decline. Compared to last April, most major segments in nonmanufacturing have increased or remained unchanged, with the exception of federal government.

During the next thirty days, total employment is expected to increase, with the number of unemployed showing a corresponding reduction.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1988*	March 1988**	April 1987**	Net Change From March 1988	Net Change From April 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	213.5	212.9	211.6	+ 0.6	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	18.6	18.7	18.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	3.8	4.0	3.8	- 0.2	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.0	1.1	1.0	- 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.7	1.6	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.7	14.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.2	10.2	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.2	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	20.5	20.1	20.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.0	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	50.8	50.4	50.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	11.5	11.5	11.1	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.5	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	39.3	38.9	39.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.3	13.4	13.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	3.4	3.5	3.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
SERVICES	44.0	43.7	42.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.5
GOVERNMENT	55.1	55.4	56.0	- 0.3	- 0.9
Federal	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	52.8	53.2	53.8	- 0.4	- 1.0
State	30.2	30.7	31.2	- 0.5	- 1.0
Local	22.6	22.5	22.6	+ 0.1	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$531.65	$528.28	516.09	42.6	42.5	42.9	$12.48	$12.43	$12.0
Petro-Chemicals	686.14	683.87	662.16	45.2	45.5	46.5	15.18	15.03	14.24

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 213,500 during April, was up 600 from the revised March estimate and up 1,900 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,600, was down 100 during the current period and up 200 over the year-ago estimate. Durable goods fell due to less business in fabricated structural metal products, in miscellaneous fabricated metal products, and in iron and steel foundries. Nondurable goods rose due to more business in men's, youth's, and boy's furnishings, work clothing, and allied garments, in miscellaneous apparel and accessories, and in paper mills, except building paper mills.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 700 during April. Construction was up due to more business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings. Retail trade was up due to more business in grocery stores, motor vehicle dealers (new and used), and eating and drinking places. Banking was down due to less business in commercial and stock savings banks. Services rose due to seasonal increases in hotels, motels, and tourist courts, in amusement and recreation services, except motion pictures, and more business in social services and engineering, architectural, and surveying services. Federal and local government had small staff increases while state government was down due to seasonal declines related to the regulation of agricultural marketing and commodities, and the termination of temporary employment in executive, legislative, and general government, except finance.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,400 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $531.65, up $3.37 from the revised March average. Average weekly hours, at 42.6, were up 0.1 hour. Average hourly earnings, at $12.48, were up five cents per hours. More overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 235,700 during April, an increase of 1,700 over the revised March estimate and down 2,600 from the year-ago estimate. Unemployment, at 22,500, was down 2,900 during the current period and down 5,100 from April of last year. The local unemployment rate was 8.7 percent, down from March's 9.8 percent and down from the 10.4 percent for the comparable period last year. The current state rate is 10.6 percent and the national rate is 5.3 percent. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 258,200 during April, down 1,200 from the prior month and down 7,700 from last April.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 4,106 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 1,685 applicants in jobs during April 1988.

The consumer price index for March 1988 for all urban consumers was 116.5 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 115.1 using base period 1982, 1983, 1984 = 100.

Unemployment is expected to start its seasonal increase during the coming month due to students seeking summer work in the local labor market.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1988*	March 1988**	April 1987**	Net Change From March 1988	Net Change From April 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.8	52.6	51.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.3	3.6	0	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	2.2	0	+ 0.8
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
MINING	5.9	5.8	5.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.8	5.8	5.5	0	+ 0.3
Water Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.4	13.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.7	10.6	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
SERVICES	8.8	8.8	8.5	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	10.8	0	- 0.2
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.2	10.3	0	- 0.1
State	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Local	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux labor market area in April moved up to 52,800, a level 200 above March. Changes were mostly seasonal in nature. Since April of 1987, total employment displayed an increase of 1,700, or 3.3 percent. Every industry division except government and finance, insurance, and real estate registered a gain over the year.

Manufacturing totaled 4,300 in April. There were no changes in either durable goods or nondurable goods from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is up 700, with an increase in durable goods partly offset by a small decrease in nondurable goods.

Mining moved up as weather became more favorable for outside work. Construction remained on the same level. Transportation and public utilities showed no significant change. Retail trade exhibited a gain, mostly in employment by eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady. Services displayed no change in total employment. Government held steady in each major sector.

Estimated unemployment in April was 8,100, down 1,100 from March. Unemployment presently comprises 11.8 percent of the labor force compared to 13.2 percent in March and 18.9 percent in April 1987. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits numbered 1,378.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a small seasonal overall gain. Much will depend on development in the oil and gas industry. Construction and mining will probably add workers as weather conditions become better for outside work. Retail trade will likely show some increase. Unemployment is expected to move up with the summer increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	April 1988*	March 1988**	April 1987**	March 1988	April 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.1	82.2	80.7	- 0.1	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	5.9	6.0	5.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.6	4.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
MINING	10.3	10.4	10.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.5	5.5	5.7	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.5	22.4	21.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	2.8	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Retail Trade	17.4	17.3	17.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	10.0	9.9	9.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.7	3.7	3.9	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.3	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	18.3	18.3	17.5	0	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.9	12.8	0	+ 0.1
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	12.0	12.0	11.9	0	+ 0.1
State	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
Local	6.9	6.9	6.9	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,100 for April, a decrease of 100 from the March estimate, but is 1,400 above the April 1987 figure.

Manufacturing showed a decrease of 100 since last month, but was still 100 above the revised figure for last year. Mining also showed a decline of 100, but was 200 above the April 1987 revised figure. Wholesale and retail trade showed an increase of 100, centered in eating and drinking places in the retail trade segment. Other industry divisions showed no change from last month.

Employment for the next thirty days should improve as the weather improves but unemployment will likely remain high as students and school employees enter the labor force over the summer months.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	April 1988*	March 1988**	April 1987**	March 1988	April 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.2	58.0	58.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	11.1	11.1	10.3	0	+ 0.8
Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	1.9	0	+ 0.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	1.7	0	+ 0.7
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.5	8.4	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.3	3.9	4.8	+ 0.4	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.6	3.9	3.7	- 0.3	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.4	14.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	11.6	11.5	11.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.0	2.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.9	3.9	3.7	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.0	11.0	10.9	0	+ 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.0	10.0	10.6	0	- 0.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.4	9.4	10.0	0	- 0.6
State	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Local	5.9	5.9	6.5	0	- 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,200 for the month of April. This is an increase of 200 from the previous month, and 200 above the comparable period a year ago.

Construction showed a gain of 400 from the previous month due to seasonal growth in the sector. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 100 over last month's revised figure, primarily in general merchandise, apparel and accessory stores. Transportation and public utilities was down by 300 from last month's estimate; water transportation caused the decline. All other sectors showed little or no change from the prior month.

Employment and unemployment for the Lake Charles area should remain stable for the next thirty days.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1988*	March 1988**	April 1987**	Net Change From March 1988	Net Change From April 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.5	53.3	55.4	+ 0.2	- 1.9
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.1	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.6	3.0	0	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.2	14.1	14.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.4	10.3	10.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.4	3.6	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.4	4.5	+ 0.1	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.5	0	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Health Services	5.2	5.1	5.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	11.4	0	- 0.8
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.0	10.0	10.8	0	- 0.8
State	4.7	4.8	4.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	5.3	5.2	6.3	+ 0.1	- 1.0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 53,500 during mid-April, was 200 above the March estimate of 53,300.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was unchanged over the month.

Wholesale and retail trade, estimated at 14,200, was 100 above the March estimate. Finance, insurance and real estate was also up by 100 over the month. All other segments were unchanged from the March estimates.

Over the next thirty days employment should be relatively stable as construction and outside activities should improve slightly while the end of the spring semester will lower employment at educational facilities in the area. Unemployment is expected to remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1988*	March 1988**	April 1987**	Net Change From March 1988	Net Change From April 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.7	511.6	507.5	+ 0.1	+ 4.2
MANUFACTURING	43.6	43.5	41.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	22.7	22.5	20.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.5	0.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.2	1.2	1.3	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Machinery	2.8	2.7	2.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	14.0	13.9	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.3	10.2	8.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	20.9	21.0	21.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.8	5.8	6.1	0	- 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.8	0.7	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.9	3.9	3.9	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	14.8	14.8	14.1	0	+ 0.7
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.9	13.9	13.2	0	+ 0.7
CONSTRUCTION	22.6	22.4	21.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.6	43.5	43.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	12.8	12.9	12.5	- 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.7	133.7	133.5	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	31.7	31.7	31.4	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.1	18.1	18.0	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.6	13.4	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	102.0	102.0	102.1	0	- 0.1
General Merchandise	13.8	13.7	13.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food Stores	18.2	18.3	18.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	35.2	35.2	34.9	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	34.0	33.9	34.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
SERVICES	135.1	135.5	133.0	- 0.4	+ 2.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.2	13.1	13.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Health Services	36.3	36.3	35.4	0	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	84.3	84.3	86.2	0	- 1.9
Federal	16.0	15.9	15.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	68.3	68.4	70.3	- 0.1	- 2.0
State	18.7	18.8	19.6	- 0.1	- 0.9
Local	49.6	49.6	50.7	0	- 1.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$439.10	$430.77	$426.10	42.1	41.5	39.6	$10.43	$10.38	$10.76
Durable Goods	404.37	379.61	380.77	42.7	40.6	38.5	9.47	9.35	9.89
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	270.86	272.10	285.00	29.0	30.0	30.0	9.34	9.07	9.50
Fabricated Metal Products	455.40	402.78	412.40	45.0	41.1	40.0	10.12	9.80	10.31
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	397.38	352.23	363.68	44.4	39.8	37.3	8.95	8.85	9.75
Nondurable Goods	476.51	488.62	469.27	41.4	42.6	40.7	11.51	11.47	11.53
Food & Kindred Products	305.05	309.49	326.40	36.1	36.8	38.4	8.45	8.41	8.50
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	189.28	185.64	149.58	36.4	35.7	28.6	5.20	5.20	5.23
Paper & Allied Products	420.73	441.28	404.08	46.8	47.5	45.3	8.99	9.29	8.92
Printing & Publishing	368.52	367.70	380.14	40.1	39.2	40.7	9.19	9.38	9.34
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	708.52	799.79	736.76	45.1	51.8	45.2	15.71	15.44	16.30

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in April increased to 511,700, a level 100 above March. The largest changes were seasonal in nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 4,200 workers, with increases in all industry divisions except government and finance, insurance and real estate.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,600 showing an overall gain of 100 since the previous month. Ship and boatbuilding and repairing, machinery, and fabricated metal products all reflected increases due to more contracts. Lumber and wood products experienced the greatest decrease due to less business. In the nondurable goods segment, paper and allied products decreased due to a reduction in orders.

Construction showed normal seasonal gains mostly in the heavy construction segment. Transportation and public utilities and finance, insurance and real estate made slight upward adjustments. Less favorably, services employment was lowered as the result of the close of the Fair Grounds racing season. Partly offsetting the decrease was the opening of the Jefferson Downs racing season. Mining, wholesale and retail trade, and government showed no significant change.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $439.10 per week in April, up $8.33 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 42.1, up 36 minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.43, up five cents from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $13.00 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in April decreased to 54,000, a level 4,500 below March. The increase in employment was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.2 percent of the labor force compared with 10.0 percent in March and 10.8 percent in April of last year. The April rate was lower than the state rate of 10.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 9,737.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Public and private educational services will make downward adjustments for the summer season. Construction and mining will probably add workers. Unemployment is expected to increase as the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor market increases during the summer months.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1988*	March 1988**	April 1987**	Net Change From March 1988	Net Change From April 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	132.0	132.1	131.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	17.2	17.1	18.0	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Durable Goods	12.4	12.3	12.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.3	7.2	7.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.5	1.4	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.8	5.8	6.0	0	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.9	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.8	5.2	0	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	2.8	2.8	3.3	0	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	7.3	6.9	6.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.0	8.4	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.2	32.3	32.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	24.4	24.5	24.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.2	7.4	7.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
SERVICES	32.2	32.3	30.5	- 0.1	+ 1.7
GOVERNMENT	25.1	25.3	25.2	- 0.2	- 0.1
Federal	4.7	4.8	4.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	20.4	20.5	20.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
State	6.0	6.1	6.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Local	14.4	14.4	14.5	0	- 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**	April '88*	March '88**	April '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$483.69	$482.72	$456.55	41.2	41.4	39.7	$11.74	$11.66	$11.50
Lumber and Wood Products	255.23	257.56	276.49	35.4	37.6	40.6	7.21	6.85	6.81
Metals and Machinery	475.73	468.42	472.42	42.4	42.2	39.5	11.22	11.10	11.76
Food and Kindred Products	334.11	332.48	354.35	42.4	39.3	42.9	7.88	8.46	8.26
Printing and Publishing	351.29	342.14	347.35	35.7	35.2	34.7	9.84	9.72	10.01
Petroleum and Coal Products	606.17	540.67	560.88	46.7	44.1	49.9	12.98	12.26	11.24

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The total nonagricultural wage and salary employment for this area decreased slightly to 132,000, down from 132,100 in March. During the past month, total manufacturing employment increased from 17,100 to 17,200, while the total nonmanufacturing employment estimate moved down to 114,800, down 200 from the previous month, but shows a significant gain from April 1987.

The increase in total manufacturing employment resulted from stronger production in metals and machinery industries. The total manufacturing employment estimate of 17,200 remains below the year ago estimate of 18,000.

Total nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 114,800, continues to show job losses in trade, finance, insurance, and real estate, services and government. Employment gains in construction industries were not enough to offset the job losses.

The 13,000 production workers in manufacturing in this area had average weekly earnings of $483.69, an increase of $0.97 from the previous month and $27.14 from one year ago. The average weekly hours of 41.2 were down slightly from 41.4 during the previous month and were up from 39.7 in April 1987. The average hourly earnings of $11.74 were up from $11.66 in March and $11.50 in April 1987.

The civilian labor force for this area, estimated at 163,300, includes 146,400 employed and 16,900 unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area was 10.4 percent.

The outlook is for gradual gains in nonagricultural wage and salary employment, while total unemployment will decline until the month of June when new and re-entrants into the labor force will cause an increase in unemployment.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY MAY 1988				REVISED APRIL 1988				REVISED MAY 1987			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,898.5	1,699.0	199.5	10.5	1,889.3	1,686.7	202.6	10.7	1,981.7	1,733.7	248.0	12.5
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.7	54.0	5.7	9.6	59.9	54.0	5.9	9.8	62.0	55.5	6.5	10.4
Baton Rouge 2/	259.0	236.4	22.6	8.7	258.9	236.1	22.8	8.8	267.6	240.4	27.2	10.2
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.9	61.9	8.0	11.4	69.1	60.9	8.2	11.9	75.3	62.3	13.0	17.3
Lafayette 4/	96.1	87.0	9.1	9.5	96.1	86.6	9.5	9.9	101.8	87.8	14.0	13.8
Lake Charles 5/	74.0	65.3	8.7	11.8	73.6	65.2	8.4	11.4	78.0	67.4	10.6	13.5
Monroe 6/	67.3	60.6	6.7	10.0	67.2	60.2	7.0	10.4	71.7	64.3	7.4	10.3
New Orleans 7/	587.6	532.5	55.1	9.4	586.4	531.6	54.8	9.4	608.6	544.6	64.0	10.5
Shreveport 8/	165.5	148.9	16.6	10.0	163.8	146.7	17.1	10.4	170.6	151.6	19.0	11.1

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,498,400 for May, an increase of 2,100 from the April revised figure and 11,400 above the May figure a year ago. The increase in nonmanufacturing payrolls for May was centered in the retail trade segment. An increase in nondurable goods payrolls resulted in higher employment for the state's manufacturing industries.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, at 74,200 was 300 less than last month. Less demand for concrete, gypsum and plaster products accounted for the decrease in stone, clay and glass products payrolls. The decrease in transportation equipment employment was largely due to less activity in the ship and boat building and repairing segment.

Total nondurable goods employment for May, at 94,000, was up by 500 over the April revised level and 700 employees above the year-ago figure. Seasonal increases in the canning and packaging of seafood accounted for the higher level of food and kindred products employment.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during May was estimated at 1,330,200, up by 1,900 from the April figure. Mining employment was down as a result of a decrease in the exploration for oil and gas. Heavy construction and several special trade contractors all experienced employment growth in May, with heavy construction showing the largest increase. Transportation and public utilities payrolls increased by 100. More business for eating and drinking places was instrumental in the higher payroll for trade. Employment losses in real estate and credit agencies other than banks were significant in the downturn of finance, insurance and real estate payrolls. Seasonal hiring in miscellaneous amusement and recreation services contributed to the employment increase for services in May. Government payrolls fell below last month's level due to a reduction in state government employment.

Average weekly earnings for Louisiana's 123,400 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $467.32 in April to $457.80 in May, a decrease of $9.52, and a decrease of $0.48 from the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were seven cents lower in May than last month, and nine cents lower than the year-ago figure. Weekly hours averaged 42.0 for the current month, down 0.6 hours from the April revised level of 42.6 hours but up by 0.3 hours from May 1987.

Estimated total unemployment for Louisiana during May amounted to 199,500, a decrease of 3,100 below the April revised level of 202,600. The unemployment rate for May was 10.5 percent, compared to 10.7 percent for the prior month and 12.5 percent for May of last year. The comparable national unemployment rate for May was 5.4 percent, compared to 5.3 percent in April and 6.1 percent for May 1987. The state's civilian labor force increased from 1,889,300 in April to 1,898,500 in May, a gain of 9,200. Total employment, estimated at 1,669,000 in May, was up by 12,300 over last month's revised figure, but was 34,700 below May of last year.

Unemployment in the next few months is expected to increase due to the addition of students into the labor force. Manufacturing payrolls may increase due to seasonal influences. Nonmanufacturing segments such as construction and trade may benefit during the summer months.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	April 1988	May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,498.4	1,496.3	1,487.0	+ 2.1	+11.4
MINING	54.7	54.8	53.7	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Oil and Gas Extraction	51.9	52.0	51.0	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	82.4	82.1	82.5	+ 0.3	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	168.2	168.0	163.1	+ 0.2	+ 5.1
Durable Goods	74.2	74.5	69.8	- 0.3	+ 4.4
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	12.0	12.3	0	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 0.1	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.5	5.7	5.8	- 0.2	- 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 0.1	0
Fabricated Metal Products	11.3	11.3	10.5	0	+ 0.8
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.1	9.1	7.9	0	+ 1.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	23.0	23.2	20.1	- 0.2	+ 2.9
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.6	2.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	94.0	93.5	93.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	19.3	18.8	20.3	+ 0.5	- 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.6	9.5	8.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	12.1	12.2	11.7	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Printing & Publishing	10.3	10.3	10.1	0	+ 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.7	25.6	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.3	12.3	12.2	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.2	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.7	4.8	4.7	- 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	103.9	103.8	103.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.6	58.5	57.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Water Transportation	22.5	22.6	22.5	- 0.1	0
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.1	40.1	40.2	0	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.0	18.1	18.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.1	22.0	21.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	362.7	361.1	361.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade	82.8	82.7	81.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.9	45.8	44.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.9	36.9	37.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	279.9	278.4	279.6	+ 1.5	+ 0.3
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.0	56.7	56.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Food Stores	55.7	55.4	56.2	+ 0.3	- 0.5
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.9	30.8	30.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Eating & Drinking Places	85.4	84.5	85.5	+ 0.9	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	50.9	51.0	51.0	- 0.1	- 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change from April 1988	Net Change from May 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.7	84.9	85.3	- 0.2	- 0.6
Banking	24.8	24.8	25.5	0	- 0.7
SERVICES	328.6	327.8	320.4	+ 0.8	+ 8.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.4	22.5	21.2	- 0.1	+ 1.2
Personal Services	14.8	14.8	14.0	0	+ 0.8
Business Services	58.5	58.1	57.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.8	9.5	9.8	+ 0.3	0
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.0	7.9	9.5	+ 1.1	- 0.5
Health Services	103.4	103.2	99.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Legal Services	15.3	15.1	14.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Educational Services	24.4	25.8	22.7	- 1.4	+ 1.7
Social Services	19.1	19.0	18.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.8	25.7	25.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	14.6	14.9	14.9	- 0.3	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	313.2	313.8	317.2	- 0.6	- 4.0
Federal	36.2	36.2	36.5	0	- 0.3
State and Local	277.0	277.6	280.7	- 0.6	- 3.7
State	96.8	97.4	98.4	- 0.6	- 1.6
Local	180.2	180.2	182.3	0	- 2.1

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$457.80	$467.32	$458.28	42.0	42.6	41.7	$10.90	$10.97	$10.99
Durable Goods	417.08	421.74	401.23	42.3	42.6	40.9	9.86	9.90	9.81
Lumber & Wood Products	349.25	353.64	346.20	42.8	42.2	42.9	8.16	8.38	8.07
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	361.18	360.77	340.73	43.1	43.0	41.3	8.38	8.39	8.25
Fabricated Metal Products	425.21	422.50	425.74	43.3	43.2	43.8	9.82	9.78	9.72
Machinery, ex. Electrical	389.78	399.89	387.23	43.6	43.8	42.6	8.94	9.13	9.09
Electric & Electronic Equip.	593.83	586.72	490.13	43.0	43.3	37.5	13.81	13.55	13.07
Transportation Equipment	436.31	443.52	434.73	41.2	42.0	39.2	10.59	10.56	11.09
Nondurable Goods	492.89	507.37	507.10	41.7	42.6	42.4	11.82	11.91	11.96
Food & Kindred Products	299.72	304.49	311.15	37.7	38.3	38.7	7.95	7.95	8.04
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	202.45	205.04	194.22	37.7	37.9	35.9	5.37	5.41	5.41
Paper & Allied Products	599.06	587.38	610.65	43.6	43.9	45.0	13.74	13.38	13.57
Printing & Publishing	387.31	396.24	382.66	38.5	39.0	38.0	10.06	10.16	10.07
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	670.58	689.02	716.72	43.8	44.8	46.3	15.31	15.38	15.48
Petroleum & Coal Products	723.22	773.08	705.18	47.3	50.2	46.0	15.29	15.40	15.33
Petroleum Refining	739.44	793.96	716.58	47.4	50.7	45.7	15.60	15.66	15.68
MINING	527.36	535.44	520.13	46.3	46.0	44.8	11.39	11.64	11.61
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	523.38	512.92	495.91	39.5	39.7	39.8	13.25	12.92	12.46
BANKING	265.72	267.44	256.99	36.6	37.3	38.3	7.26	7.17	6.71

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,400 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,200 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 05 88				REVISED 04 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,325	19,475	2,850	12.8	22,225	19,300	2,925	13.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,775	8,600	1,175	12.1	9,700	8,500	1,200	12.3
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,750	4,625	1,125	19.3	5,575	4,350	1,225	22.0
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,350	12,700	2,650	17.2	15,150	12,475	2,675	17.7
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	15,075	13,550	1,525	10.1	15,050	13,550	1,500	10.0
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,325	5,650	675	10.6	6,325	5,600	725	11.5
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,225	3,650	575	13.5	4,225	3,625	600	14.1
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,650	4,200	450	9.7	4,400	3,875	525	12.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,175	3,375	800	19.0	4,125	3,300	825	19.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,900	7,175	725	9.1	7,800	7,075	725	9.3
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,875	8,350	1,525	15.4	9,725	8,125	1,600	16.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,950	11,425	1,525	11.8	12,875	11,300	1,575	12.3
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,225	3,450	775	18.6	4,325	3,350	975	22.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,575	7,825	750	8.6	8,200	7,425	775	9.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,525	10,850	1,675	13.4	12,350	10,725	1,625	13.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,075	6,925	1,150	14.1	8,000	6,775	1,225	15.3
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,800	5,950	850	12.6	6,825	5,875	950	13.9
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,250	20,925	3,325	13.7	24,175	20,700	3,475	14.3
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,125	9,525	1,600	14.4	11,200	9,425	1,775	15.8
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,300	6,650	650	8.9	7,300	6,650	650	8.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,225	10,525	1,700	13.9	12,150	10,425	1,725	14.2
JENA (LASALLE)	6,350	5,700	650	10.1	6,325	5,650	675	10.6
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,100	17,100	1,000	5.5	17,950	17,000	950	5.3
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,925	5,100	825	13.9	5,850	4,975	875	15.1
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,375	10,550	1,825	14.6	12,300	10,275	2,025	16.5
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,250	14,600	1,650	10.2	16,000	14,450	1,550	9.7
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,975	7,950	1,025	11.3	8,975	7,900	1,075	12.0
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,275	6,025	1,250	17.2	7,175	5,950	1,225	17.2
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,125	3,675	450	10.8	4,125	3,625	500	12.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,925	7,675	1,250	14.0	8,950	7,575	1,375	15.3
MANY (SABINE)	9,950	9,075	875	8.7	9,875	8,950	925	9.4
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,700	2,375	325	12.3	2,575	2,250	325	12.3
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,125	6,900	1,225	15.0	8,150	6,900	1,250	15.4
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,175	27,625	5,550	16.7	32,425	27,350	5,075	15.7
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	22,900	19,575	3,325	14.6	22,500	18,975	3,525	15.7
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,700	33,475	5,225	13.5	38,150	32,875	5,275	13.9
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,150	2,775	375	11.6	3,075	2,675	400	12.9
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,175	7,225	950	11.7	8,175	7,100	1,075	13.2
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,525	16,700	2,825	14.5	19,300	16,300	3,000	15.6
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,200	17,550	1,650	8.5	19,275	17,525	1,750	9.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,950	16,025	1,925	10.7	17,725	15,825	1,900	10.7
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,275	16,775	2,500	12.9	19,050	16,500	2,550	13.4
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,000	3,600	1,400	28.1	4,925	3,500	1,425	29.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,175	3,825	350	8.4	4,200	3,800	400	9.2
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,625	5,125	500	9.0	5,550	5,050	500	8.9

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	45.5	45.4	0	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	10.9	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.8	8.7	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.3	2.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.2	11.3	11.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Health Services	4.9	5.0	4.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.5	12.6	12.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
State and Local	9.8	9.9	9.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
State	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
Local	5.1	5.2	5.2	- 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,500 during the month of May. This estimate was the same as last month and 100 more than May of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,400 during May. This estimate was unchanged since the previous month. Since May of last year, the total employment in manufacturing has not changed, but there were offsetting changes in other durable and nondurable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,100 during May. This total has not changed since the previous month, and is 100 more than May of last year. During the past thirty days, construction and retail trade have increased employment, with declines in services and government. Compared to last May, nonmanufacturing has increased employment in retail trade and services, with government showing a decline.

During the next thirty days the number of unemployed should increase with the influx of students and some non-instructional school personnel entering the labor force.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 213,300 during May, was down 500 from the revised April estimate and up 100 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,600, was unchanged from the revised April estimate; however, it was up 300 over the year-ago estimate. Durable goods employment was up due to more business in iron and steel foundries and in miscellaneous machinery, except electrical. Nondurable goods were down due to less business in industrial organic chemicals. Construction employment dropped due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings. Wholesale trade-nondurable goods rose due to more business in groceries and related products. Retail trade rose due to more business in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance and real estate increased due to more business in real estate operators (except developers) and lessors and in holding offices. Services employment was down due to less business in hotels, motels, and tourist courts and in personnel supply services. Government employment dropped due to seasonal declines in education employment.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,300 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $533.82, up $1.75 from the revised April average. Average weekly hours, at 42.4, were down 0.2 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.59, were up $0.10 per hour. More overtime by higher paid employees contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 236,400 during May, an increase of 300 over the revised April estimate and down 4,000 from the year-ago estimate. Unemployment, at 22,600, was down 200 during the current period and down 4,600 from May of last year. The local unemployment rate for May was 8.7 percent, down from 8.8 percent for April and down from 10.2 percent for May of last year. The current state rate is 10.5 percent. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 259,000 during May, up 100 from the prior month and down 8,600 from May 1987.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,324 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 1,383 applicants in jobs during May, 1988.

The consumer price index for April, 1988 for all urban consumers was 117.1 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 115.7 using base period 1982, 1983, 1984 = 100.

Seasonal increases in unemployment are expected to continue during the coming months due to entrants and re-entrants into the labor market seeking summer employment.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.5	52.9	52.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.3	4.2	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.9	3.0	2.4	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.8	0	- 0.5
MINING	6.2	6.0	5.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	5.9	5.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Water Transportation	3.8	3.6	3.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.5	13.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Retail Trade	10.8	10.6	10.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.3	3.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.9	8.8	8.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	11.0	0	- 0.4
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.2	10.5	0	- 0.3
State	2.8	2.9	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Local	7.4	7.3	7.4	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux labor market area in May moved up to 53,500, a level 600 above April. Several industry divisions in nonmanufacturing showed gains. Since May 1987, total employment exhibited a gain of 1,100.

Manufacturing totaled 4,200 in May. The nondurable goods segment remained at the same level as April. The durable goods segment was down from the previous month due to a lack of business affecting the transportation equipment segment.

Mining added workers as the weather became more favorable for outside activity. Construction held steady. Water transportation pushed up. Employment by eating and drinking places showed a seasonal gain. Finance, insurance, and real estate remained at the same level. Services edged up with an increase in business services. Changes in government were minor.

Estimated unemployment in May was 8,000, down 200 from April. Unemployment presently comprises 11.4 percent of the labor force, compared to 11.9 percent in April and 17.3 percent in May 1987. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits numbered 1,247.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is predicted to exhibit a small seasonal overall increase. Much of the development in the oil and gas industry will depend on prices received for oil and gas. Construction will probably add workers. Retail trade will likely show a small seasonal gain. Unemployment is expected to move up with the summer increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	April 1988	May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.6	82.4	80.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	5.9	6.0	5.9	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.6	4.5	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.4	1.5	1.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	10.3	10.4	10.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.6	5.5	5.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.6	22.5	22.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	5.2	5.1	4.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.1	3.0	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Retail Trade	17.4	17.4	17.1	0	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	10.1	10.0	9.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.5	18.4	17.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	13.0	12.9	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	12.1	12.0	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
State	5.1	5.1	4.7	0	+ 0.4
Local	7.0	6.9	6.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,600, an increase of 200 from the April 1988 revised figure.

Manufacturing decreased by 100 from the previous month due to a decrease in food and kindred products employment. Mining also fell by 100 from the April 1988 revised figure. Transportation and public utilities rose by 100 from the previous month, but is down by 100 from the May 1987 figure. Wholesale and retail trade was also up by 100 from April 1988. The increase occurred in the durable goods sector of wholesale trade. Services increased by 100 from the April revised figure and has increased by 900 from the May 1987 figure. Government rose by 100 for May due to an increase in local government.

The unemployment rate for the next thirty days should increase due to the close of the school year; employment for the Lafayette LMA should remain stable.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.3	58.2	58.7	+ 0.1	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	11.1	11.1	10.8	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	2.2	0	+ 0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.0	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.5	8.6	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
MINING	0.9	1.0	0.9	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.9	4.3	4.4	- 0.4	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.8	3.6	3.8	+ 0.2	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.5	14.3	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	11.6	11.6	11.6	0	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.1	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.2	1.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.9	3.8	- 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.9	2.8	2.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.4	11.0	11.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.4	0.5	+ 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	9.8	9.9	10.6	- 0.1	- 0.8
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.2	9.3	10.0	- 0.1	- 0.8
State	3.4	3.4	3.5	0	- 0.1
Local	5.8	5.9	6.5	- 0.1	- 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,300, an increase of 100 over the April revised figure.

Manufacturing was unchanged from last month's estimate of 11,100, but showed an increase of 300 over the May 1987 figure. Mining was down 100 over the previous month. Construction showed a decline of 400. More favorably, transportation and public utilities showed a gain of 200, primarily in trucking. Finance, insurance, and real estate rose 100 over the previous month. The largest increase was in services, which showed a gain of 400 due to expansion in business services, hotels and other lodging places, and personal services. Government showed a decline of 100.

Employment should remain stable for the next thirty days, but the unemployment rate should rise due to the end of the spring semester.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.6	53.5	55.4	+ 0.1	- 1.8
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.6	3.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.9	14.2	14.4	- 0.3	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.1	10.4	10.7	- 0.3	- 0.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.4	2.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.0	1.1	1.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.4	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.6	11.5	11.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Health Services	5.2	5.2	5.0	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.8	10.6	11.2	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.0	10.6	+ 0.2	- 0.4
State	4.9	4.7	4.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Local	5.3	5.3	6.1	0	- 0.8

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 53,600, was up 100 from the mid-April estimate.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was unchanged over the month.

Construction, though still depressed, had a minimal gain of 100 workers. Wholesale and retail trade was down 300 to an estimated 13,900. The loss was in retail trade employment. Services was up by 100. Government gained 200 workers. All other segments were unchanged.

Employment should show a gradual increase as outdoor activities get under way for the summer. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	512.7	512.7	508.7	0	+ 4.0
MANUFACTURING	43.8	43.6	41.5	+ 0.2	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	22.6	22.7	20.2	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Machinery	2.8	2.8	2.5	0	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	13.9	14.0	12.0	- 0.1	+ 1.9
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.2	10.3	8.4	- 0.1	+ 1.8
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	21.2	20.9	21.3	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.0	5.8	6.2	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.9	3.8	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.0	3.9	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.5	4.6	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.0	15.0	14.4	0	+ 0.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.1	14.1	13.5	0	+ 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	22.2	22.4	21.9	- 0.2	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.6	43.6	42.7	0	+ 0.9
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	12.8	12.9	12.2	- 0.1	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.9	133.6	133.9	+ 0.3	0
Wholesale Trade	32.0	31.8	31.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.1	18.1	18.0	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.9	13.7	13.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	101.9	101.8	102.4	+ 0.1	- 0.5
General Merchandise	13.8	13.9	13.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food Stores	18.1	18.2	18.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	35.3	35.0	35.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.9	34.0	34.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	7.3	7.3	7.2	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	135.9	136.0	133.7	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	13.3	13.2	- 0.2	- 0.1
Health Services	36.4	36.5	35.7	- 0.1	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	84.4	84.5	86.5	- 0.1	- 2.1
Federal	16.0	16.0	16.0	0	0
State and Local	68.4	68.5	70.5	- 0.1	- 2.1
State	18.7	18.8	19.7	- 0.1	- 1.0
Local	49.7	49.7	50.8	0	- 1.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$415.53	$429.30	$428.00	40.5	41.2	40.0	$10.26	$10.42	$10.70
Durable Goods	372.13	383.23	383.30	40.1	40.9	38.6	9.28	9.37	9.93
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	269.10	270.86	257.04	30.0	29.0	28.0	8.97	9.34	9.18
Fabricated Metal Products	440.79	451.10	432.28	43.3	44.4	42.3	10.18	10.16	10.10
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	351.35	358.34	374.36	40.2	41.0	37.7	8.74	8.74	9.93
Nondurable Goods	462.58	480.16	469.99	40.9	41.5	41.3	11.31	11.57	11.38
Food & Kindred Products	294.49	305.05	326.23	35.1	36.1	38.2	8.39	8.45	8.54
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	189.50	187.78	152.95	37.9	35.7	29.3	5.00	5.26	5.22
Paper & Allied Products	420.56	420.73	432.90	43.9	46.8	48.1	9.58	8.99	9.00
Printing & Publishing	358.70	368.52	358.49	39.9	40.1	39.7	8.99	9.19	9.03
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	691.20	708.07	751.07	45.0	45.1	47.9	15.36	15.70	15.68

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in May remained at 512,700, the same level as in April. Scattered small gains were offset by scattered minor decreases.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,800, showing an overall gain of 200 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing decreased due to a lack of business. In the nondurable goods segment, food and kindred products, printing and publishing, and chemicals and allied products increased due to more business. Petroleum and coal products experienced a decrease due to a reduction in orders.

Mining showed no overall change, with growth in the oil and gas industry still hampered by uncertainties concerning price increases expected in the coming months. Construction decreased mostly in building construction. In transportation, a small loss in water transportation was offset by a slight increase in motor freight transportation. Wholesale trade gained in nondurable goods. Retail trade showed a small gain, with upturns in employment by eating and drinking places and auto dealers and service stations offsetting small downturns in other industries. Finance tapered off in employment by miscellaneous credit agencies. Services reflected the beginning of summer layoffs by private schools. Government eased down in employment by state government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $415.53 per week in May, down $13.77 from last months average. Average weekly hours were 40.5, down 42 minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.26, down $0.16 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $12.47 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in May increased to 55,100, a level 300 above April. Joblessness presently comprises 9.4 percent of the labor force compared with 9.4 percent in April and 10.5 percent in May of last year. The May rate was lower than the state rate of 10.5 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 9,588.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Public and private educational services will make further downward adjustments for the summer season. Construction will probably add workers. Changes in mining will be strongly affected by changes in the prices of oil and gas in the near future. Unemployment will probably move up with the increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force during the summer months.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1988*	April 1988**	May 1987**	Net Change From April 1988	Net Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.7	132.2	133.6	+ 1.5	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	17.2	17.2	17.8	0	- 0.6
Durable Goods	12.5	12.4	12.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.4	7.3	7.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.9	5.8	5.9	+ 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.8	5.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.3	1.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	3.0	2.8	3.3	+ 0.2	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	7.6	7.2	6.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.0	8.4	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.3	32.3	32.5	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.9	7.8	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	24.5	24.4	24.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	33.3	32.2	32.0	+ 1.1	+ 1.3
GOVERNMENT	25.1	25.3	25.4	- 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
State and Local	20.4	20.6	20.7	- 0.2	- 0.3
State	6.1	6.1	6.1	0	0
Local	14.3	14.5	14.6	- 0.2	- 0.3

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**	May '88*	April '88**	May '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$483.97	$481.97	$459.73	41.4	41.3	39.7	$11.69	$11.67	$11.58
Lumber and Wood Products	245.75	255.23	269.78	33.3	35.4	41.0	7.38	7.21	6.58
Metals and Machinery	479.52	475.73	479.53	42.1	42.4	39.5	11.39	11.22	12.14
Food and Kindred Products	348.04	334.11	376.85	44.0	42.4	42.2	7.91	7.88	8.93
Printing and Publishing	362.52	351.29	343.34	38.0	35.7	34.3	9.54	9.84	10.01
Petroleum and Coal Products	559.30	606.17	594.66	46.3	46.7	51.0	12.08	12.98	11.[illegible]5

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 1,500 between April and May for an estimated total of 133,700. The over-the-month change occurred in nonmanufacturing, which increased from 115,000 to 116,500. Total manufacturing employment was unchanged at 17,200 and remains below the year-ago estimate of 17,800.

Durable goods employment rose 100 from the April estimate, resulting from a small increase in machinery manufacturing. This small gain was offset by a loss in nondurable goods employment.

Most of the increase in nonmanufacturing employment occurred in services and reflects the seasonal gain caused by the opening of the 1988 racing season. Additional employment gains occurred in mining and construction industries as business activities increased.

Retail trade showed a small gain, but an equal number was dropped from wholesale trade employment. A reduction of 200 in local government payrolls was caused by budget adjustments.

This labor area had an estimated 13,000 production workers in manufacturing and they averaged $483.97 per week, up from $481.97 last month and $459.73 one year ago. Average weekly hours rose to 41.4, only 0.1 hours more than last month and 1.7 hours above May 1987. Average hourly earnings, at $11.69, moved up slightly from $11.67 last month and from $11.58 one year ago.

The civilian labor force, estimated at 165,500, was comprised of 148,900 employed and 16,600 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 10.0 percent.

Seasonal factors will affect employment in educational services as schools reduce their payrolls for the summer months, while total unemployment will show the addition of new and re-entrants into the labor force.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1988

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,784	1,502	282	44	36	8	21	15	6
Contractural Cönstruction (15-17)	8,808	6,233	2,575	245	198	47	1,223	900	323
Manufacturing (20-29)	5,148	2,759	2,389	88	38	50	190	123	67
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	1,991	1,106	885	43	28	15	129	76	53
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,238	870	368	40	31	9	140	99	41
Retail Trade (52-59)	6,770	4,011	2,759	168	122	46	738	404	334
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,440	1,142	298	49	42	7	204	152	52
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	8,097	4,606	3,491	238	138	100	874	502	372
Public Administration (91-97)	1,420	749	671	85	47	38	144	71	73
All Others	173	100	73	0	0	0	46	20	26
Totals	36,869	23,078	13,791	1,000	680	320	3,709	2,362	1,347
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	4,755	3,856	899	117	103	14	600	480	120
Clerical and Sales	8,543	6,132	2,411	234	182	52	976	664	312
Services Occupations	4,301	1,376	2,925	161	61	100	385	109	276
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	390	142	248	9	4	5	24	3	21
Processing Occupations	1,197	656	541	7	2	5	70	40	30
Machine Trades	1,735	1,110	625	56	39	17	139	93	46
Benchwork Occupations	1,224	610	614	29	14	15	59	38	21
Structural Work Occupations	8,892	6,004	2,888	263	200	63	1,092	734	358
Miscellaneous Occupations	5,832	3,192	2,640	124	75	49	364	201	163
Totals	36,869	23,078	13,791	1,000	680	320	3,709	2,362	1,347

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1988

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	136	114	22	233	206	27	55	54	1
Contractural Construction (15-17)	265	237	28	213	162	51	596	504	92
Manufacturing (20-29)	379	299	80	168	102	66	83	52	31
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	89	72	17	69	48	21	175	81	94
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	87	76	11	70	51	19	42	29	13
Retail Trade (52-59)	239	183	56	353	238	115	284	197	87
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	39	34	5	76	64	12	36	30	6
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	224	168	56	331	237	94	274	187	87
Public Administration (91-97)	49	32	17	30	20	10	41	32	9
All Others	17	15	2	5	3	2	1	0	1
Totals	1,524	1,230	294	1,548	1,131	417	1,587	1,166	421
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	165	150	15	283	256	27	160	141	19
Clerical and Sales	268	238	30	462	377	85	343	276	67
Services Occupations	129	67	62	182	70	112	152	69	83
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	13	9	4	3	2	1	5	1	4
Processing Occupations	253	192	61	63	42	21	32	18	14
Machine Trades	59	51	8	53	39	14	58	43	15
Benchwork Occupations	16	14	2	43	20	23	25	23	2
Structural Work Occupations	378	326	52	226	160	66	514	433	81
Miscellaneous Occupations	243	183	60	233	165	68	298	162	136
Totals	1,524	1,230	294	1,548	1,131	417	1,587	1,166	421

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1988

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	22	21	1	156	103	53	167	157	10
Contractural Construction (15-17)	332	257	75	2,228	1,395	833	597	380	217
Manufacturing (20-29)	123	90	33	1,047	518	529	453	212	241
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	29	26	3	889	372	517	149	90	59
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	14	12	2	418	249	169	161	121	40
Retail Trade (52-59)	315	205	110	2,277	1,100	1,177	681	378	303
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	58	48	10	574	426	148	158	127	31
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	288	154	134	3087	1,610	1,477	703	376	327
Public Administration (91-97)	44	26	18	377	170	207	126	60	66
All Others	6	4	2	55	32	23	1	1	0
Totals	1,231	843	388	11,108	5,975	5,133	3,196	1,902	1,294
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	195	179	16	1,827	1,361	466	471	394	77
Clerical and Sales	355	263	92	2,974	1,879	1,095	780	575	205
Services Occupations	150	40	110	1,565	362	1,203	440	98	342
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	4	1	3	82	36	46	21	5	16
Processing Occupations	10	2	8	240	97	143	41	13	28
Machine Trades	62	41	21	404	283	121	175	109	66
Benchwork Occupations	20	18	2	274	86	188	107	52	55
Structural Work Occupations	276	217	59	2,118	1,239	879	633	396	237
Miscellaneous Occupations	159	82	77	1,624	632	992	528	260	268
Totals	1,231	843	388	11,108	5,975	5,133	3,196	1,902	1,294

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JUNE 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED MAY 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JUNE 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,925.2	1,723.1	202.1	10.5	1,907.7	1,705.3	202.4	10.6	1,989.9	1,739.3	250.6	12.6
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.6	55.0	5.6	9.3	60.1	54.3	5.8	9.7	63.1	56.7	6.4	10.2
Baton Rouge 2/	261.8	237.7	24.1	9.2	261.3	238.2	23.1	8.8	266.8	237.8	29.0	10.9
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	70.2	62.9	7.3	10.4	70.2	62.2	8.0	11.4	75.3	63.1	12.2	16.2
Lafayette 4/	96.8	87.7	9.1	9.4	96.1	86.9	9.2	9.6	102.0	88.3	13.7	13.4
Lake Charles 5/	76.4	67.6	8.8	11.5	74.7	65.8	8.9	11.9	79.2	68.0	11.2	14.1
Monroe 6/	69.2	62.3	6.9	10.0	67.6	60.8	6.8	10.1	72.0	64.4	7.6	10.5
New Orleans 7/	599.3	543.5	55.8	9.3	590.5	534.5	56.0	9.5	612.8	548.3	64.5	10.5
Shreveport 8/	167.4	150.9	16.5	9.8	166.0	149.2	16.8	10.1	170.1	151.1	19.0	11.2

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,501,900 for June, an increase of 3,600 workers above May's revised level and 19,400 above the comparable period a year ago. Louisiana's nonagricultural employment increase for June was centered in the government segment of nonmanufacturing. An upturn in nondurable goods payrolls resulted in higher employment for the state's manufacturing industries.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, at 73,500, was 900 less than May. A partial shutdown for a plant in the electrical and electronic equipment industry was significant in the decrease of durable goods employment. The decrease in transportation equipment industry payrolls was centered in the ship and boat building and repairing segment.

Nondurable goods employment, at 94,700, was 1,000 more than last month, and 500 above the June 1987 figure. Seasonal increases in the canning and packaging of seafood accounted for the higher level of food and kindred products employment. More activity in the paper mills segment of manufacturing was responsible for the upturn in paper and allied products payrolls.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during June was estimated at 1,333,700, up by 3,500 from the May level and 15,400 above the year-ago level. Mining employment was higher due to increased production of crude petroleum and natural gas. Construction rose by 100 employees. Payroll increases for the electric services segment was responsible for the upturn in transportation and public utilities employment. Trade employment moved up due to more business in both the wholesale and retail trade industries. Real estate was among the segments that was instrumental in the decrease of finance, insurance and real estate employment. Seasonal losses in educational services employment were mainly responsible in the lower payrolls for total services in June. Local government showed a sizable increase, reflecting the beginning of hiring of temporary workers for the summer months.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 123,300 production workers in manufacturing increased from $458.22 in May to $471.58 in June, an increase of $13.36 and an increase of $21.30 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were $0.16 higher in June than last month and $0.22 higher than the year-ago figure. Weekly hours averaged 42.6 for June, up 0.6 hours from the May revised level of 42.0 hours.

Estimated total unemployment for Louisiana during June amounted to 202,100, a decrease of 300 below the May revised level of 202,400. The unemployment rate for June was 10.5 percent, compared to 10.6 percent for the prior month and 12.6 percent for June of last year. The comparable national unemployment rate for June was 5.5 percent, compared to 5.4 percent in May and 6.3 percent for June 1987. The state's civilian labor force increased from 1,907,700 in May to 1,925,200 in June, a gain of 17,500. Total employment, estimated at 1,723,100 in June, was up by 17,800 over last month's revised figure, but was 16,200 below June of last year.

Louisiana's unemployment rate should decline over the next few months. Manufacturing payrolls should decrease in July. The state's nonmanufacturing employment is expected to drop during the next month.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change from May 1988	Net Change from June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,501.9	1,498.3	1,482.5	+ 3.6	+19.4
MINING	55.0	54.8	54.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Oil and Gas Extraction	52.3	52.0	51.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.8	2.7	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	82.7	82.6	81.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	168.2	168.1	164.2	+ 0.1	+ 4.0
Durable Goods	73.5	74.4	70.0	- 0.9	+ 3.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.2	12.1	12.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.7	0.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.5	5.5	5.7	0	- 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	11.4	11.3	10.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.0	9.1	8.0	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.8	7.2	7.4	- 0.4	- 0.6
Transportation Equipment	22.6	23.0	20.2	- 0.4	+ 2.4
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.6	2.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	94.7	93.7	94.2	+ 1.0	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	19.7	19.2	20.9	+ 0.5	- 1.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.6	9.6	9.0	0	+ 0.6
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.0	11.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.7	25.6	25.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.3	12.3	12.3	0	0
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.3	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.8	4.7	4.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	104.2	104.0	104.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.6	58.6	58.8	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	22.5	22.5	23.0	0	- 0.5
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.4	40.2	40.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.0	18.0	18.3	0	- 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.4	22.2	21.9	+ 0.2	- 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	363.1	361.8	363.7	+ 1.3	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	83.3	82.7	82.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.1	45.8	45.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.2	36.9	37.3	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Retail Trade	279.8	279.1	281.2	+ 0.7	- 1.4
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.4	56.9	56.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Food Stores	55.4	55.5	56.6	- 0.1	- 1.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.0	30.8	30.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Eating & Drinking Places	85.2	85.0	86.2	+ 0.2	- 1.0
Other Retail Trade	50.8	50.9	51.2	- 0.1	- 0.4

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change from May 1988	Net Change from June 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.6	84.8	85.8	- 0.2	- 1.2
Banking	24.8	24.8	25.5	0	- 0.7
SERVICES	327.6	328.8	319.5	- 1.2	+ 8.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.3	22.4	20.8	- 0.1	+ 1.5
Personal Services	14.6	14.8	14.0	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Business Services	58.4	58.5	57.5	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.7	10.0	0	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.3	5.2	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.0	9.3	9.9	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
Health Services	103.5	103.3	101.3	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
Legal Services	15.7	15.3	15.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Educational Services.	22.9	24.4	19.6	- 1.5	+ 3.3
Social Services	18.4	19.1	18.4	- 0.7	0
Membership Organizations	26.0	25.8	26.2	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Services	14.6	14.8	14.9	- 0.2	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	316.5	313.4	309.2	+ 3.1	+ 7.3
Federal	36.5	36.3	36.8	+ 0.2	- 0.3
State and Local	280.0	277.1	272.4	+ 2.9	+ 7.6
State	92.1	96.8	89.1	- 4.7	+ 3.0
Local	187.9	180.3	183.3	+ 7.6	+ 4.6

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$471.58	$458.22	$450.28	42.6	42.0	41.5	$11.07	$10.91	$10.85
Durable Goods	430.43	416.23	405.66	43.0	42.3	41.1	10.01	9.84	9.87
Lumber & Wood Products	360.57	349.68	349.49	43.6	42.8	43.2	8.27	8.17	8.09
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	375.06	363.76	326.17	42.0	43.1	38.6	8.93	8.44	8.45
Fabricated Metal Products	450.60	425.21	448.38	45.7	43.3	45.8	9.86	9.82	9.79
Machinery, ex. Electrical	395.42	385.31	396.49	43.5	43.1	44.4	9.09	8.94	8.93
Electric & Electronic Equip.	666.85	574.80	522.54	46.6	42.8	39.2	14.31	13.43	13.33
Transportation Equipment	428.27	437.37	416.23	40.1	41.3	37.6	10.68	10.59	11.07
Nondurable Goods	505.56	494.91	487.72	42.2	41.8	41.9	11.98	11.84	11.64
Food & Kindred Products	301.06	300.13	299.14	39.2	37.8	38.9	7.68	7.94	7.69
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	205.47	199.76	206.18	37.7	37.2	37.9	5.45	5.37	5.44
Paper & Allied Products	559.78	597.26	567.14	41.9	43.5	42.9	13.36	13.73	13.22
Printing & Publishing	363.65	386.20	392.50	35.0	37.9	38.9	10.39	10.19	10.09
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	716.87	685.25	689.92	45.4	44.7	44.8	15.79	15.33	15.40
Petroleum & Coal Products	768.91	716.63	682.36	49.1	46.9	45.1	15.66	15.28	15.13
Petroleum Refining	787.81	732.73	696.85	49.3	47.0	44.9	15.98	15.59	15.52
MINING	538.66	535.92	538.80	46.0	46.4	45.7	11.71	11.55	11.79
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	507.13	522.18	497.38	39.9	39.8	39.6	12.71	13.12	12.56
BANKING	267.81	264.92	256.30	37.3	37.0	38.6	7.18	7.16	6.64

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,300 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,700 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 06 88				REVISED 05 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,875	19,875	3,000	13.1	22,425	19,550	2,875	12.9
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,750	8,575	1,175	12.1	9,650	8,475	1,175	12.2
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,900	4,825	1,075	18.1	5,775	4,650	1,125	19.4
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,450	12,725	2,725	17.7	15,400	12,750	2,650	17.3
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,550	13,075	1,475	10.2	14,925	13,400	1,525	10.2
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,550	5,775	775	12.0	6,350	5,675	675	10.7
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,250	3,725	525	12.3	4,225	3,650	575	13.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,700	4,275	425	8.9	4,675	4,225	450	9.9
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,300	3,500	800	18.4	4,200	3,400	800	19.0
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,025	7,275	750	9.4	8,000	7,225	775	9.7
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,050	8,525	1,525	15.1	9,925	8,375	1,550	15.6
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,200	11,675	1,525	11.6	13,000	11,475	1,525	11.7
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,325	3,525	800	18.6	4,250	3,450	800	18.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,500	7,750	750	8.9	8,600	7,850	750	8.7
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,750	11,025	1,725	13.5	12,575	10,900	1,675	13.4
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,350	7,100	1,250	15.0	8,100	6,950	1,150	14.3
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,800	5,975	825	12.0	6,725	5,875	850	12.8
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,425	21,225	3,200	13.1	24,375	21,025	3,350	13.8
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,250	9,550	1,700	15.1	11,200	9,550	1,650	14.7
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,425	6,750	675	9.0	7,325	6,675	650	9.0
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,425	10,700	1,725	13.9	12,300	10,575	1,725	14.0
JENA (LASALLE)	6,425	5,750	675	10.4	6,400	5,725	675	10.5
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	16,750	15,800	950	5.7	18,175	17,150	1,025	5.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,975	5,150	825	13.8	5,975	5,125	850	14.1
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,525	10,775	1,750	14.0	12,450	10,600	1,850	14.8
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,475	14,725	1,750	10.7	16,325	14,650	1,675	10.2
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,050	8,050	1,000	10.9	9,000	7,975	1,025	11.4
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,375	5,975	1,400	19.1	7,325	6,050	1,275	17.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,650	3,675	975	20.8	4,125	3,675	450	11.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,125	7,825	1,300	14.2	8,975	7,700	1,275	14.1
MANY (SABINE)	10,200	9,300	900	8.8	9,975	9,100	875	8.8
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,750	2,400	350	12.4	2,700	2,375	325	12.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,225	6,900	1,325	16.2	8,150	6,925	1,225	15.2
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,700	28,050	5,650	16.8	33,400	27,750	5,650	16.9
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,250	19,950	3,300	14.2	22,975	19,625	3,350	14.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,100	33,600	5,500	14.0	38,925	33,600	5,325	13.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,200	2,825	375	11.6	3,175	2,800	375	11.5
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,275	7,350	925	11.3	8,225	7,250	975	11.9
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,600	16,975	2,625	13.4	19,625	16,775	2,850	14.5
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,175	17,625	1,550	8.1	19,025	17,375	1,650	8.7
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,100	16,100	2,000	11.1	18,000	16,050	1,950	10.8
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,400	16,925	2,475	12.7	19,350	16,825	2,525	13.0
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,675	3,475	1,200	25.6	5,050	3,600	1,450	28.8
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,050	3,725	325	7.8	4,200	3,850	350	8.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,600	5,150	450	8.2	5,675	5,150	525	9.1

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.7	45.7	46.1	0	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.4	3.5	+ 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	0.9	0.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.1	11.1	11.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.9	8.9	9.0	0	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.3	11.3	11.2	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.5	12.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
State and Local	9.7	9.8	9.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
State	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 0.1
Local	5.0	5.1	5.1	- 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,700 during the month of June. This estimate was the same as last month and 400 less than June of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,500 during June, an increase of 100 over last month. The increase occurred in other nondurable goods. Since June of last year, total employment in manufacturing has not changed, but there were offsetting changes in other durable and nondurable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,200 during June. This total is 100 less than the previous month. The decline occurred in local government. Compared to last June, nonmanufacturing employment has declined, with most of the reductions occurring in federal, state, and local governments.

During the next thirty days, total nonagricultural employment will continue declining as the number of noninstructional school personnel decreases for the summer months.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	210.9	214.0	209.2	- 3.1	+ 1.7
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.6	18.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	4.0	3.9	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.1	1.0	1.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	14.7	14.7	14.7	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.5	1.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.1	10.2	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	21.3	21.2	19.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.4	10.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	51.2	51.2	50.7	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	11.6	11.6	11.1	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	39.6	39.6	39.6	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.7	13.4	13.7	+ 0.3	0
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.7	0	+ 0.3
SERVICES	44.4	43.8	43.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	50.3	54.6	52.5	- 4.3	- 2.2
Federal	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	48.0	52.4	50.3	- 4.4	- 2.3
State	25.1	29.8	27.5	- 4.7	- 2.4
Local	22.9	22.6	22.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$540.99	$532.14	$526.61	42.1	42.0	43.2	$12.85	$12.67	$12.19
Petro-Chemicals	700.89	700.25	688.13	44.9	45.5	47.1	15.61	15.39	14.61

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 210,900 during June, was down 3,100 from the revised May estimate and up 1,700 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700, was up 100 during the current period and up 100 over the year-ago estimate. Durable goods were up due to more business in miscellaneous fabricated metal products. In nondurable goods, a small decline in printing and publishing was offset by an increase in chemicals and petroleum products.

Total nonmanufacturing was down 3,200 during June. Construction increased due to more business in general building contractors - nonresidential buildings, in painting, paper hanging, and decorating, and in electrical work. Transportation and public utilities rose due to increases in trucking, local and long distance. Finance, insurance and real estate rose due to more business in accident and health insurance and medical service plans, in insurance agents, brokers, and service, and in real estate agents and managers. Services was up due to more business in laundry, cleaning, and garment services, in offices of physicians, in nursing and personal care facilities, in legal services, and seasonal increases in amusement and recreation services. Government was down due to seasonal declines in state public educational services.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,100 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $540.99, up $8.85 from the revised May average. Average weekly hours, at 42.1, were up 0.1 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.85, were up $0.18 per hour. More overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 237,700 during June, a decrease of 500 from the revised May estimate and down 100 from the year-ago estimate. Unemployment, at 24,100, increased by 1,000 during the current period and was down 4,900 from June of last year. The local unemployment rate for June was 9.2 percent, up from the revised 8.8 percent for May and down from 10.9 percent for June of last year. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 261,800 during June, up 500 from the prior month and down 5,000 from June, 1987.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,602 indivuduals with new or renewal applications and placed 1,550 applicants in jobs during June 1988.

The consumer price index for May 1988 for all urban consumers was 117.5 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 116.2 using base period 1982, 1983, 1984 = 100.

Unemployment is expected to continue increasing during the coming month due to unemployed summer job seekers.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.5	53.6	52.6	- 0.1	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.2	4.5	+ 0.3	0
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.6	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.3	1.9	+ 0.3	- 0.3
MINING	6.1	6.2	5.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	1.7	1.6	1.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	6.1	5.5	0	+ 0.6
Water Transportation	3.8	3.8	3.2	0	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.8	13.7	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.8	10.9	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.0	0	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.9	8.9	8.6	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.3	10.6	10.6	- 0.3	- 0.3
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	9.9	10.2	10.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
State	2.5	2.8	2.6	- 0.3	- 0.1
Local	7.4	7.4	7.5	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux labor market area in June tapered off to 53,500, down 100 from May. Changes were mostly seasonal in nature. Since June 1987, total employment showed a gain of 900.

Manufacturing totaled 4,500 in June, showing an increase of 300 over the previous month. Durable goods remained at the same level as May. Nondurable goods increased because of seasonal changes affecting the seafood processing industry.

Mining eased downward. Construction showed a small seasonal gain mostly in employment by special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities held steady. Retail trade displayed a small decrease largely in employment by food stores. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no significant change. Services remained at the same total level, with small decreases in business services and private health services offset by minor increases in other segments of this industry division. Government was lowered by early summer layoffs in state education.

Estimated unemployment in June was 7,300, down 700 from May. Unemployment presently comprises 10.4 percent of the labor force compared to 11.4 percent in May and 16.2 percent in June 1987. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits numbered 1,281.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall decrease. State educational services will probably show a continued summer downturn. Much of the change in total employment levels will depend on developments in the oil and gas industry. Unemployment will likely decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force during the summer months.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

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Total nonmanufacturing was down 3,200 during June. Construction increased due to more business in general building contractors - nonresidential buildings, in painting, paper hanging, and decorating, and in electrical work. Transportation and public utilities rose due to increases in trucking, local and long distance. Finance, insurance and real estate rose due to more business in accident and health insurance and medical service plans, in insurance agents, brokers, and service, and in real estate agents and managers. Services was up due to more business in laundry, cleaning, and garment services, in offices of physicians, in nursing and personal care facilities, in legal services, and seasonal increases in amusement and recreation services. Government was down due to seasonal declines in state public educational services.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,100 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $540.99, up $8.85 from the revised May average. Average weekly hours, at 42.1, were up 0.1 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.85, were up $0.18 per hour. More overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

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HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June	May	June	Net Change From	
	1988*	1988**	1987**	May 1988	June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.5	53.6	52.6	- 0.1	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.2	4.5	+ 0.3	0
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.6	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.3	1.9	+ 0.3	- 0.3
MINING	6.1	6.2	5.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	1.7	1.6	1.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	6.1	5.5	0	+ 0.6
Water Transportation	3.8	3.8	3.2	0	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.8	13.7	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.8	10.9	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.0	0	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.9	8.9	8.6	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.3	10.6	10.6	- 0.3	- 0.3
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	9.9	10.2	10.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
State	2.5	2.8	2.6	- 0.3	- 0.1
Local	7.4	7.4	7.5	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux labor market area in June tapered off to 53,500, down 100 from May. Changes were mostly seasonal in nature. Since June 1987, total employment showed a gain of 900.

Manufacturing totaled 4,500 in June, showing an increase of 300 over the previous month. Durable goods remained at the same level as May. Nondurable goods increased because of seasonal changes affecting the seafood processing industry.

Mining eased downward. Construction showed a small seasonal gain mostly in employment by special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities held steady. Retail trade displayed a small decrease largely in employment by food stores. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no significant change. Services remained at the same total level, with small decreases in business services and private health services offset by minor increases in other segments of this industry division. Government was lowered by early summer layoffs in state education.

Estimated unemployment in June was 7,300, down 700 from May. Unemployment presently comprises 10.4 percent of the labor force compared to 11.4 percent in May and 16.2 percent in June 1987. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits numbered 1,281.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall decrease. State educational services will probably show a continued summer downturn. Much of the change in total employment levels will depend on developments in the oil and gas industry. Unemployment will likely decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force during the summer months.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From	
				May 1988	June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.3	82.2	80.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
MANUFACTURING	6.2	5.9	6.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.5	4.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.4	1.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	10.7	10.3	10.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	2.9	3.1	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.6	5.6	5.7	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.6	22.6	22.0	0	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	5.2	5.2	5.0	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Retail Trade	17.4	17.4	17.0	0	+ 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	2.7	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.6	2.8	2.8	- 0.2	- 0.2
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	10.2	10.1	9.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.6	3.6	3.8	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.6	18.6	17.9	0	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	12.1	12.7	11.9	- 0.6	+ 0.2
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	11.2	11.8	11.0	- 0.6	+ 0.2
State	4.2	4.8	4.1	- 0.6	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.0	6.9	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,300, an increase of 100 over the May 1988 revised estimate.

Manufacturing employment rose by 300 since last month, with increases scattered through all areas of manufacturing. Since last year, manufacturing is up by 200.

Mining showed a strong increase of 400 over the prior month and has increased by 500 since June 1987. Wholesale and retail trade showed no overall change. Government showed a decline of 600 over the revised May figure due to seasonal factors. The decline was centered in state government.

All other segments of the economy showed no change from the previous month.

Total employment and the unemployment rate for the next thirty days should remain stable.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.5	58.7	58.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	11.1	11.1	10.7	0	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	2.3	0	+ 0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.1	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.5	8.4	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.2	4.1	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.9	3.9	4.0	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.4	14.5	14.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	11.5	11.6	11.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	2.2	0	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.3	1.2	- 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.3	11.4	11.3	- 0.1	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.6	0.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.7	9.8	10.6	+ 0.9	+ 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.1	9.2	10.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.1
State	3.3	3.4	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Local	6.8	5.8	6.5	+ 1.0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 59,500, an increase of 800 from the revised May 1988 estimate. Compared to the June 1987 estimate, employment in this area is up by 1,100.

Construction showed an increase of 100 over last month's revised figure and is 300 higher than the estimate for June of last year. Trade showed a decline of 100 since last month, as did services. Government rose by 900 in June, due mainly to summer youth hiring in local government.

Other sectors showed no change from last month.

The unemployment rate and the employment level is expected to remain stable for the next thirty days.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.7	53.5	54.7	+ 1.2	0
MANUFACTURING	7.1	7.2	7.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	1.9	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.4	0.3	0.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	3.0	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	13.9	14.5	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.8	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	10.2	10.1	10.8	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.0	1.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.3	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.6	4.5	4.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.6	11.5	11.6	+ 0.1	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Health Services	5.2	5.1	5.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.6	10.8	10.6	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	11.0	10.2	10.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
State	4.9	4.9	3.5	0	+ 1.4
Local	6.1	5.3	6.5	+ 0.8	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total employment, estimated at 54,700, was 1,200 above the mid-May estimate of 53,500. The gain was primarily in government.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,100, was down by 100 workers. This minimal decline was in durable goods.

Government showed the greatest increase in employment, 800, as youths began work in summer employment and training programs for the disadvantaged. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 200 workers. Mining, finance, insurance and real estate, and services all showed minimal gains of 100. All other segments were unchanged.

Employment should inch up slightly as outdoor activities increase. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	516.0	513.1	508.1	+ 2.9	+ 7.9
MANUFACTURING	43.8	43.8	42.3	0	+ 1.5
Durable Goods	22.4	22.6	20.4	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.3	2.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Machinery	2.8	2.8	2.6	0	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	13.6	13.9	11.9	- 0.3	+ 1.7
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.9	10.2	8.2	- 0.3	+ 1.7
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.4	21.2	21.9	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	6.2	6.0	6.6	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	14.9	15.0	14.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.1	14.1	13.7	0	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	22.7	22.2	21.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.9	43.6	43.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	13.0	12.8	12.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.2	133.8	135.0	+ 0.4	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	31.9	31.9	31.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.0	18.0	18.2	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.9	13.9	13.7	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	102.3	101.9	103.1	+ 0.4	- 0.8
General Merchandise	13.8	13.8	13.7	0	+ 0.1
Food Stores	18.4	18.2	18.6	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	35.3	35.2	35.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	34.0	34.0	34.4	0	- 0.4
Banking	7.3	7.3	7.2	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	135.4	136.0	131.5	- 0.6	+ 3.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.0	13.2	12.6	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Health Services	36.5	36.5	36.1	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	87.1	84.7	85.4	+ 2.4	+ 1.7
Federal	15.9	16.0	16.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
State and Local	71.2	68.7	69.2	+ 2.5	+ 2.0
State	17.7	18.8	18.0	- 1.1	- 0.3
Local	53.5	49.9	51.2	+ 3.6	+ 2.3

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$429.79	$416.93	$417.90	40.7	40.4	39.8	$10.56	$10.32	$10.50
Durable Goods	393.05	377.34	373.98	41.2	40.4	38.2	9.54	9.34	9.79
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	288.09	279.00	255.76	33.0	31.0	27.8	8.73	9.00	9.20
Fabricated Metal Products	600.37	440.36	417.58	53.7	43.3	41.1	11.18	10.17	10.16
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	334.14	351.35	347.76	38.1	40.2	36.0	8.77	8.74	9.66
Nondurable Goods	470.84	460.56	456.91	40.2	40.4	41.2	11.70	11.40	11.09
Food & Kindred Products	292.52	294.49	299.57	35.5	35.1	37.4	8.24	8.39	8.01
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	168.00	185.50	177.41	35.0	37.1	33.6	4.80	5.00	5.28
Paper & Allied Products	382.35	420.56	429.44	44.1	43.9	47.4	8.67	9.58	9.06
Printing & Publishing	335.74	353.89	384.14	34.9	38.3	41.8	9.62	9.24	9.19
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	718.68	699.70	710.16	45.2	45.2	44.0	15.90	15.48	16.14

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, in the New Orleans LMA in June increased to 516,000, a level 2,900 above May. The largest changes were seasonal in nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 7,900 workers, with increases in all industry divisions except retail trade and finance, insurance and real estate.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,800, the same level as the previous month. Fabricated metal products increased due to more business. Ship and boat building and repairing decreased due to less business. Food and kindred products gained due to seasonal increases primarily in the seafood processing industry.

Mining moved slightly downward. Construction continued showing normal seasonal upward movement. Transportation and public utilities made small gains, partly due to increases in local port activity. Retail trade moved upward while wholesale trade held steady. Finance, insurance and real estate showed no change over the previous month. Services fell due to normal summer adjustments in private educational services. Government showed significant seasonal gains, with hires of summer workers in local government partly offset by summer layoffs by state universities.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $429.79 per week in June, up $12.86 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.7, up 18 minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.56, up $0.24 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $11.89 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in June decreased to 55,800, a level 200 below May. The increase in employment was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.3 percent of the labor force compared with 9.5 percent in May and 10.5 percent in June of last year. The June rate was lower than the state rate of 10.5 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 9,665.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show overall seasonal increases. Construction is likely to add workers. Educational services will continue to move downward seasonally. State and local government will make normal summer adjustments. Changes in mining are strongly dependent on developments in the oil and gas industry. Unemployment is expected to decrease as the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force moves down from the high level of June.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.9	133.5	132.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
MANUFACTURING	17.3	17.1	18.0	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Durable Goods	12.5	12.4	12.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.3	7.3	7.4	0	- 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.7	5.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.7	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.2	1.4	0	- 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.7	0.8	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.4	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	7.7	7.6	6.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.0	8.4	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.5	32.2	32.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	24.7	24.4	24.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	33.1	33.3	32.1	- 0.2	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	25.1	25.1	23.6	0	+ 1.5
Federal	4.8	4.7	4.8	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	20.3	20.4	18.8	- 0.1	+ 1.5
State	6.0	6.1	5.6	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Local	14.3	14.3	13.2	0	+ 1.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$507.18	$475.78	$472.78	42.3	41.3	40.1	$11.99	$11.52	$11.79
Lumber and Wood Products	222.18	245.75	275.22	32.2	33.3	41.2	6.90	7.38	6.68
Metals and Machinery	536.26	462.42	522.48	44.8	42.0	42.0	11.97	11.01	12.44
Food and Kindred Products	344.96	348.04	343.99	44.0	44.0	41.0	7.84	7.91	8.39
Printing and Publishing	337.07	362.52	318.64	34.5	38.0	33.4	9.77	9.54	9.54
Petroleum and Coal Products	556.66	559.30	552.83	46.7	46.3	44.8	11.92	12.08	12.34

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for this labor market area, estimated at 133,900, increased from 133,500 in May. This gain was equally divided between manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment.

The manufacturing employment total rose slightly between May and June with a 100 gain in both durable and nondurable goods employment. The total manufacturing employment estimate of 17,300 remains 700 less than the year-ago total.

Total nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 116,600, moved up from the May estimate of 116,400. The small employment gains in construction and retail trade offset losses that occurred in services between May and June.

Production workers in this labor market area, estimated at 13,000, earned an average of $507.18 per week, up $31.40 from the revised May average. Average weekly hours increased 42.3, compared to 41.3 for the revised May average. Average hourly earnings moved up to $11.99 from $11.52 in May.

The civilian labor force in June was estimated at 167,400, including 150,900 employed and 16,500 unemployed. Total unemployment makes up 9.8 percent of the labor force.

Over the next thirty days total nonagricultural employment is expected to fall slightly below the present estimate. This will be due mostly to downward adjustments in educational services.

Total unemployment for the area will remain high, with no significant changes expected for the summer months.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JULY 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JUNE 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JULY 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,928.2	1,730.9	197.3	10.2	1,916.3	1,712.2	204.1	10.7	1,956.1	1,723.0	233.1	11.9
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.3	55.3	6.0	9.8	60.6	54.9	5.7	9.4	61.8	55.5	6.3	10.1
Baton Rouge 2/	262.3	237.9	24.4	9.3	260.6	236.2	24.4	9.4	263.4	236.4	27.0	10.2
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.4	62.4	7.0	10.1	69.5	62.2	7.3	10.5	72.6	61.7	10.9	15.1
Lafayette 4/	98.3	89.5	8.8	9.0	96.4	87.3	9.1	9.4	99.7	87.3	12.4	12.4
Lake Charles 5/	76.4	68.2	8.2	10.8	75.8	67.0	8.8	11.6	77.7	67.6	10.1	13.0
Monroe 6/	68.5	61.5	7.0	10.3	67.8	60.8	7.0	10.3	71.0	63.9	7.1	10.0
New Orleans 7/	602.4	548.5	53.9	8.9	598.7	542.1	56.6	9.5	604.9	543.6	61.3	10.1
Shreveport 8/	164.6	148.8	15.8	9.6	165.4	148.7	16.7	10.1	168.1	150.1	18.0	10.7

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

CORRECTION:

Please make the following change to the May 1988 Louisiana Labor Market Information, released June 27, 1988:
Louisiana-Total Nonagricultural Employment
Furniture and Fixtures: April 1988 revised was 0.6 rather than 2.8, and May 1987 revised was 0.7 rather than 2.9.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana, estimated at 1,496,700 for July, decreased by 1,400 workers from June's revised level but increased by 19,200 over the July figure a year ago. An increase in durable goods payrolls resulted in higher employment for manufacturing. Local education experienced a seasonal decrease which contributed to lower employment for nonmanufacturing.

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Durable goods employment for July, estimated at 74,600, was 700 higher than last month. More demand for miscellaneous fabricated metal products was largely responsible for the increase in the fabricated metal products industry. An increase in business for the ship and boat building industry resulted in higher employment for the transportation equipment segment of manufacturing.

Employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing, at 94,300, was 500 below the June revised level. A partial shutdown by a firm in the miscellaneous apparel and accessories industry accounted for most of the decline in employment for the apparel and other textiles products segment.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries, at 1,327,800 for the current month was 1,600 below last month's level but 13,500 higher than July a year ago. Mining employment was up by 100. An increase in activity in heavy construction and certain special trades accounted for the increase in construction payrolls. Transportation and public utilities experienced an increase in employment levels as a result of more activity in trucking and warehousing and more business in certain segments of water transportation.

Trade employment moved up due mostly to more business in the food stores segment of retail trade. Banking was among the areas contributing to the decrease in finance, insurance and real estate employment. Services employment remained stable for July. Government employment was down in July, mainly due to a decrease in local education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 123,400 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $473.62 in June to $468.68 in July, a decrease of $4.94, but an increase of $17.81 from the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were four cents higher in July than last month and $0.11 higher than the year-ago figure. Weekly hours averaged 42.3 for the current month, down 0.6 hours from the June revised level of 42.9 hours.

Total unemployment for Louisiana during July amounted to 197,300, a decrease of 6,800 below the June revised level of 204,100. The unemployment rate for July was 10.2 percent, compared to 10.7 percent for June and 11.9 percent for July 1987. The comparable national unemployment rate for July was 5.5 percent, unchanged from the June rate, and 6.1 percent for July of last year. Louisiana's civilian labor force moved from 1,916,300 in June to 1,928,200 in July, an increase of 11,900. Total employment increased from 1,712,200 in June to 1,730,900 in July, an increase of 18,700 workers.

The state's unemployment rate is expected to show little change in August. Government payrolls will probably drop. Some segments of manufacturing may increase in employment.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	Net Change from June 1938	Net Change from July 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,496.7	1,498.1	1,477.5	- 1.4	+19.2
MINING	55.1	55.0	55.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Oil and Gas Extraction	52.4	52.3	52.4	+ 0.1	0
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	83.5	82.2	79.7	+ 1.3	+ 3.8
MANUFACTURING	168.9	168.7	163.2	+ 0.2	+ 5.7
Durable Goods	74.6	73.9	69.2	+ 0.7	+ 5.4
Lumber and Wood Products	12.3	12.3	12.4	0	- 0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	2.9	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	11.7	11.4	10.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.2	9.1	7.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.8	6.8	7.2	0	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	23.0	22.8	20.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.5	2.2	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	94.3	94.8	94.0	- 0.5	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	19.6	19.8	20.5	- 0.2	- 0.9
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.2	9.7	8.9	- 0.5	+ 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.2	12.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.9	25.8	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.3	12.3	12.3	0	0
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.3	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	104.9	104.5	104.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	59.1	58.7	59.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	22.7	22.5	23.0	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.6	40.6	40.5	0	+ 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.1	18.0	18.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.5	22.6	22.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	364.2	363.5	364.9	+ 0.7	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade	83.4	83.3	82.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.1	46.1	45.4	0	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.3	37.2	37.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	280.8	280.2	282.0	+ 0.6	- 1.2
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.6	57.4	57.9	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Food Stores	56.0	55.5	57.2	+ 0.5	- 1.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.2	31.1	30.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	85.2	85.4	85.6	- 0.2	- 0.4
Other Retail Trade	50.8	50.8	50.4	0	+ 0.4

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	Net Change from June 1988	Net Change from July 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.4	84.7	85.4	- 0.3	- 1.0
Banking	24.7	24.8	25.5	- 0.1	- 0.8
SERVICES	328.9	328.9	318.5	0	+10.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.4	22.3	21.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
Personal Services	14.6	14.7	14.0	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Business Services	58.9	58.6	58.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.5	9.6	9.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.4	5.3	5.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.1	10.1	10.4	0	- 0.3
Health Services	104.2	103.8	101.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Legal Services	15.9	15.8	15.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Educational Services	22.8	23.5	17.7	- 0.7	+ 5.1
Social Services	18.2	18.5	17.7	- 0.3	+ 0.5
Membership Organizations	25.6	25.7	26.1	- 0.1	- 0.5
Miscellaneous Services	14.9	14.8	14.9	+ 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	306.8	310.6	305.8	- 3.8	+ 1.0
Federal	36.4	36.5	36.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
State and Local	270.4	274.1	269.2	- 3.7	+ 1.2
State	88.8	88.5	89.9	+ 0.3	- 1.1
Local	181.6	185.6	179.3	- 4.0	+ 2.3

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$468.68	$473.62	$450.87	42.3	42.9	41.1	$11.08	$11.04	$10.97
Durable Goods	416.09	433.30	400.55	42.2	43.2	40.5	9.86	10.03	9.89
Lumber & Wood Products	352.41	359.31	343.09	43.4	43.5	42.2	8.12	8.26	8.13
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	376.66	375.06	366.13	41.3	42.0	41.0	9.12	8.93	8.93
Fabricated Metal Products	437.68	448.18	415.95	43.9	45.5	42.1	9.97	9.85	9.88
Machinery, ex. Electrical	394.51	394.58	394.64	43.4	43.6	43.8	9.09	9.05	9.01
Electric & Electronic Equip.	576.81	666.85	495.45	43.5	46.6	38.2	13.26	14.31	12.97
Transportation Equipment	426.22	435.78	412.18	40.4	40.5	37.1	10.55	10.76	11.11
Nondurable Goods	515.16	508.13	493.31	42.4	42.7	41.7	12.15	11.90	11.83
Food & Kindred Products	311.65	309.06	298.23	39.4	40.4	39.5	7.91	7.65	7.55
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	184.42	204.12	199.09	33.9	37.8	36.8	5.44	5.40	5.41
Paper & Allied Products	578.40	561.61	580.99	43.1	42.1	43.1	13.42	13.34	13.48
Printing & Publishing	405.68	386.14	402.11	38.2	37.2	39.5	10.62	10.38	10.18
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	725.25	715.72	691.75	45.3	45.5	44.6	16.01	15.73	15.51
Petroleum & Coal Products	745.45	750.96	709.13	48.5	48.2	46.5	15.37	15.58	15.25
Petroleum Refining	757.34	767.97	724.30	48.3	48.3	46.4	15.68	15.90	15.61
MINING	531.52	524.64	528.57	45.9	45.7	45.1	11.58	11.48	11.72
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	525.20	518.64	509.67	40.4	39.5	40.1	13.00	13.13	12.71
BANKING	267.34	267.07	261.50	37.6	37.3	38.4	7.11	7.16	6.81

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,400 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,800 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 07 88				REVISED 06 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,675	19,725	2,950	13.0	22,750	19,725	3,025	13.3
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,850	8,700	1,150	11.6	9,800	8,600	1,200	12.4
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,125	5,075	1,050	17.0	5,875	4,800	1,075	18.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,650	12,975	2,675	17.1	15,425	12,675	2,750	17.8
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,600	13,200	1,400	9.6	14,625	13,125	1,500	10.3
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,575	5,825	750	11.3	6,575	5,750	825	12.5
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,275	3,725	550	12.9	4,225	3,700	525	12.3
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,775	4,375	400	8.2	4,675	4,250	425	8.9
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,275	3,500	775	17.9	4,250	3,475	775	18.5
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,000	7,275	725	9.0	7,950	7,200	750	9.5
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,225	8,775	1,450	14.1	10,000	8,475	1,525	15.2
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,125	11,600	1,525	11.5	13,125	11,575	1,550	11.9
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,350	3,550	800	18.5	4,300	3,500	800	18.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,800	7,950	850	9.7	8,450	7,700	750	9.0
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,700	11,050	1,650	12.9	12,650	10,925	1,725	13.7
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,425	7,225	1,200	14.2	8,325	7,050	1,275	15.2
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,900	6,100	800	11.6	6,825	6,000	825	12.0
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,200	21,200	3,000	12.4	24,300	21,075	3,225	13.2
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,475	9,700	1,775	15.5	11,225	9,500	1,725	15.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,400	6,775	625	8.6	7,400	6,725	675	9.1
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,325	10,625	1,700	13.7	12,350	10,625	1,725	14.0
JENA (LASALLE)	6,500	5,825	675	10.5	6,400	5,725	675	10.4
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	16,925	16,025	900	5.4	16,675	15,700	975	5.9
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,850	5,000	850	14.4	5,950	5,125	825	13.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,775	11,025	1,750	13.7	12,475	10,700	1,775	14.2
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,425	14,725	1,700	10.4	16,425	14,625	1,800	10.9
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,950	8,000	950	10.6	9,025	8,025	1,000	11.1
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,500	6,025	1,475	19.7	7,350	5,925	1,425	19.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,375	3,725	650	14.7	4,700	3,675	1,025	21.7
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,225	8,000	1,225	13.4	9,075	7,775	1,300	14.4
MANY (SABINE)	10,275	9,425	850	8.2	10,175	9,275	900	8.9
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,800	2,425	375	13.4	2,725	2,375	350	12.7
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,325	7,000	1,325	15.8	8,200	6,875	1,325	16.2
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,650	27,975	5,675	16.9	33,525	27,850	5,675	16.9
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,325	20,200	3,125	13.4	23,100	19,825	3,275	14.2
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,725	33,300	5,425	14.0	38,900	33,375	5,525	14.2
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,150	2,825	325	10.0	3,175	2,800	375	11.6
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,325	7,400	925	11.0	8,200	7,275	925	11.4
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,625	17,100	2,525	12.9	19,475	16,850	2,625	13.5
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,450	18,000	1,450	7.4	19,200	17,650	1,550	8.1
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,350	16,300	2,050	11.1	18,025	16,000	2,025	11.2
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,500	17,050	2,450	12.6	19,375	16,875	2,500	12.9
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,600	3,700	900	19.8	4,650	3,450	1,200	26.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,050	3,700	350	8.9	4,025	3,700	325	7.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,600	5,125	475	8.6	5,575	5,100	475	8.4

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	Net Change From June 1988	Net Change From July 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.4	45.7	45.6	- 0.3	- 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.4	2.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.2	11.2	11.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	9.0	9.0	9.0	0	0
General Merchandise	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.3	11.3	11.2	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.1	5.0	4.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.9	12.3	12.1	- 0.4	- 0.2
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
State and Local	9.2	9.6	9.3	- 0.4	- 0.1
State	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
Local	4.6	5.0	4.5	- 0.4	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,400 during the month of July. This estimate was 300 less than the previous month and 200 less than July of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,500 during July. This estimate was unchanged since the previous month. Since July of last year, total employment in manufacturing has not changed, but there were some offsetting changes in other durable and nondurable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 41,900 during July. This was a decline of 300 since last month, and the decline was a seasonal reduction of noninstructional school personnel. Compared to last July, nonmanufacturing employment has decreased slightly with the reduction of government employment.

During the next thirty days, the number of employed and unemployed will vary slightly with the unemployment rate decreasing by a small margin.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	Net Change From June 1988	Net Change From July 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	209.7	210.2	209.3	- 0.5	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	18.8	18.7	18.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	4.0	4.0	3.8	0	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.7	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.3	10.2	10.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	20.5	21.1	18.9	- 0.6	+ 1.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.3	10.4	10.3	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	51.5	51.3	50.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	11.6	11.6	11.2	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	39.9	39.7	39.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.6	13.7	- 0.2	- 0.3
Banking	3.3	3.4	3.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
SERVICES	44.0	44.2	43.4	- 0.2	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	50.4	50.1	52.9	+ 0.3	- 2.5
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	48.2	47.9	50.8	+ 0.3	- 2.6
State	25.5	25.1	27.9	+ 0.4	- 2.4
Local	22.7	22.8	22.9	- 0.1	- 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$567.63	$543.15	$516.46	43.1	42.5	43.4	$13.17	$12.78	$11.90
Petro-Chemicals	738.30	698.64	652.08	45.8	44.9	45.6	16.12	15.56	14.30

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 209,700 during July, was down 500 from the June revised estimate and up 400 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,800, was up 100 during the current period and up 300 over the year-ago estimate. Durable goods showed no change during the current period; however, current estimates are up 200 over the year-ago totals due to increases in fabricated metal products and in other durable goods. Nondurable goods were up due to more business in industrial organic chemicals.

Total nonmanufacturing was down 600 during July and up 100 over the year-ago estimate. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings and in heavy construction, except highway and street construction. Transportation and public utilities were down due to less business in services incidental to water transportation. Retail trade rose due to seasonal increases in department stores and food stores, and more business in motor vehicle dealers (new and used). Finance, insurance and real estate was down due to less business in commercial and stock savings banks, and in insurance agents, brokers, and services. Services decreased due to less business in offices of physicians, in nursing and personal care facilities, and in out-patient care facilities. Seasonal declines were noted in elementary and secondary schools. State government rose due to a seasonal increase of student workers in state colleges and universities. Staff reductions were recorded in local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,300 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $567.63, up $24.48 from the revised June average. Average weekly hours, at 43.1, were up 0.6 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $13.17, were up $0.39 per hour. More overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 237,900 during July, an increase of 1,700 from the revised June estimate and up 1,500 from the year-ago estimate. Unemployment, at 24,400, was unchanged during the current period and was down 2,600 from July of last year. The local unemployment rate for July was 9.3 percent, down from the revised 9.4 percent for June and down from 10.2 percent for July of last year. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 262,300 during July, up 1,700 from the prior month and down 1,100 from July, 1987.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 4,349 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 860 applicants in jobs during July 1988.

The consumer price index for June 1988 for all urban consumers was 118.0 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 116.7 using base period 1982, 1983, 1984 = 100.

Employment is expected to show some increases, while unemployment and the unemployment rate continue to be seasonally high during the coming month.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	Net Change From June 1988	Net Change From July 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.2	53.5	52.2	- 0.3	+ 1.0
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
Durable Goods	3.0	2.9	2.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
MINING	6.2	6.2	5.8	0	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.1	5.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Water Transportation	3.9	3.8	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.8	13.7	13.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Retail Trade	10.9	10.8	11.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.1	0	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.2	2.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
SERVICES	9.1	9.0	8.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	9.9	10.4	10.3	- 0.5	- 0.4
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	9.5	10.0	9.8	- 0.5	- 0.3
State	2.2	2.5	2.4	- 0.3	- 0.2
Local	7.3	7.5	7.4	- 0.2	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux labor market area decreased to 53,200, a level 300 below June. The largest changes were seasonal and in government. Since July 1987, total employment showed a gain of 1,000.

Manufacturing totaled 4,300 in July, the same level as the previous month. Durable goods increased due to more business. Nondurable goods showed a downturn because of seasonal factors affecting seafood processing.

Mining remained at the same level, and construction held steady. Water transportation edged up, largely in the local transportation segment. Retail trade was boosted by scattered small gains, but finance tapered off in employment by banking. Services showed a slight increase. State government reflected mid-summer downward adjustments in state colleges and universities. Local government showed seasonal reductions in employment by the public schools.

Estimated unemployment in July moved down to 7,000, a level 300 below June. A reduction in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force was partly responsible. Unemployment presently comprises 10.1 percent of the labor force compared to 10.5 percent in June and 15.1 percent in July of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 994.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a small overall seasonal increase. State and local educational services will pull back up to normal levels as school begins. Unemployment will probably decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	June 1988	July 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	83.8	82.8	81.0	+ 1.0	+ 2.8
MANUFACTURING	6.1	6.2	5.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.7	4.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.4	1.5	1.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	10.6	10.7	10.3	- 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.0	5.7	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.3	22.8	21.9	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.3	5.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	2.9	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	17.9	17.5	16.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
General Merchandise	2.8	2.7	2.8	+ 0.1	0
Food Stores	2.9	2.6	2.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	10.4	10.4	9.7	0	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.6	3.6	3.8	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.6	18.8	18.1	- 0.2	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	12.6	11.8	12.3	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
Federal	0.8	0.9	0.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	11.8	10.9	11.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
State	4.2	3.9	4.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Local	7.6	7.0	7.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 83,800, an increase of 1,000 from last month's revised figure.

Manufacturing showed a decrease of 100 from June's estimate but is 300 above the July 1987 figure. Mining was down by 100 in July from last month due to lack of stability for the price of oil. Construction increased by 100 from last month's estimate due to better weather. Trade rose by 500 from June's figure due to seasonal demand. Services decreased by 200 from last month's revised estimate due to a decrease in hotels, personal services and business services industries. Government showed an increase of 800 because of summer employment at both the state and local levels.

Employment and the unemployment rate should remain stable for the next thirty days.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	June 1988	July 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.8	59.3	59.0	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	11.0	11.0	10.8	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	2.4	0	+ 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.4	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.6	7.7	7.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.3	4.1	3.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.0	3.9	4.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.4	14.5	14.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.6	11.6	11.7	0	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.1	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.9	3.8	3.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.4	11.2	11.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.5	0.6	+ 0.1	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.8	10.7	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.1	10.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State	3.4	3.3	3.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Local	6.8	6.8	6.5	0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles labor market area was estimated at 59,800, an increase of 500 from June's revised estimate. Construction rose by 200 over June's revised figure and is 400 higher than the estimate for July 1987. Transportation and public utilties increased by 100 from last month's estimate. Services was up by 200 from the prior month due to an increase in hotels and social services. Government increased by 100 over last month's estimate. Trade showed a decrease of 100 from last month. All other sectors showed no change from last month.

During the next thirty days, employment should increase seasonally due to back-to-school sales and good weather. The unemployment rate should decrease as students and school employees return for the fall semester.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	Net Change From June 1988	Net Change From July 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.7	53.6	55.5	+ 0.1	- 1.8
MANUFACTURING	6.8	7.1	6.9	- 0.3	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.8	2.1	2.0	- 0.3	- 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.9	1.8	- 0.3	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.7	2.9	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.7	2.6	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.1	14.6	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.2	10.2	10.8	0	- 0.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.0	1.1	1.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.5	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.6	4.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.7	11.6	11.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Health Services	5.3	5.2	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.8	10.5	11.3	+ 0.3	- 0.5
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.2	9.9	10.7	+ 0.3	- 0.5
State	4.0	3.8	3.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Local	6.2	6.1	6.8	+ 0.1	- 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 53,700, was 100 above the June estimate of 53,600.

Manufacturing, estimated at 6,800, was 300 below the June estimate. This was primarily the result of temporary lay-offs in durable goods manufacturing.

Transportation and public utilities rose by 100 to an estimated 2,700 workers. Finance, insurance and real estate declined by 100. Services was up 100. Government gained 300 workers, the result of summer youth programs and the beginning of the summer semester at higher education facilities. All other segments were unchanged.

Employment is expected to rise slightly over the next 30 days. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	Net Change From June 1988	Net Change From July 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	517.8	517.8	510.6	0	+ 7.2
MANUFACTURING	43.8	43.8	41.5	0	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	22.6	22.3	20.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.3	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Machinery	2.8	2.8	2.6	0	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	13.8	13.6	11.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.1	9.9	8.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	21.2	21.5	21.5	- 0.3	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	6.1	6.3	6.3	- 0.2	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.8	1.7	- 0.1	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.1	15.1	14.7	0	+ 0.4
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.2	14.2	13.8	0	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	22.8	22.5	21.8	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.3	44.0	43.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	13.4	13.1	12.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.9	134.7	134.6	- 0.8	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade	32.1	32.1	31.6	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.1	18.1	18.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	14.0	14.0	13.4	0	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	101.8	102.6	103.0	- 0.8	- 1.2
General Merchandise	13.8	13.9	13.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food Stores	18.3	18.4	18.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	35.0	35.5	35.4	- 0.5	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.5	33.9	34.4	- 0.4	- 0.9
Banking	7.1	7.3	7.2	- 0.2	- 0.1
SERVICES	135.7	135.7	130.9	0	+ 4.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	13.0	12.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Health Services	36.4	36.5	36.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	88.7	88.1	89.5	+ 0.6	- 0.8
Federal	16.0	16.0	16.0	0	0
State and Local	72.7	72.1	73.5	+ 0.6	- 0.8
State	18.3	18.3	18.2	0	+ 0.1
Local	54.4	53.8	55.3	+ 0.6	- 0.9

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$435.66	$427.63	$426.40	41.1	41.0	40.0	$10.60	$10.43	$10.66
Durable Goods	387.18	385.97	370.66	40.5	40.8	37.9	9.56	9.46	9.78
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	257.10	288.09	249.09	30.0	33.0	27.8	8.57	8.73	8.96
Fabricated Metal Products	489.69	501.56	412.15	45.3	46.7	41.8	10.81	10.74	9.86
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	358.18	346.53	331.00	40.2	39.2	34.3	8.91	8.84	9.65
Nondurable Goods	489.98	471.01	476.40	41.7	41.1	41.9	11.75	11.46	11.37
Food & Kindred Products	323.40	293.92	307.62	38.5	37.3	38.5	8.40	7.88	7.99
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	181.30	183.46	174.93	34.6	36.4	34.3	5.24	5.04	5.10
Paper & Allied Products	396.49	382.35	431.52	44.3	44.1	46.4	8.95	8.67	9.30
Printing & Publishing	388.08	350.55	394.57	39.2	36.9	42.2	9.90	9.50	9.35
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	759.46	719.59	757.35	46.0	45.4	45.9	16.51	15.85	16.50

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in July remained at 517,800, the same level as in June. Gains in some industry divisions were offset by losses in others.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,800, the same level as the previous month. Fabricated metal products increased due to more business. Ship and boat building and repairing added workers because of an increase in orders. Food and kindred products moved down, reflecting a seasonal decrease in the seafood processing industry. Apparel and other textile products also showed a seasonal decline.

Mining showed no change over the previous month. Construction made small seasonal gains mostly in the special trade contractors segment. Transportation and public utilities edged upward with increases mostly in water transportation. Wholesale trade held steady while retail trade exhibited normal seasonal downward adjustments, with the majority of the decreases in the general merchandise stores and eating and drinking places segments. Finance, insurance and real estate showed decreases, primarily in banking. Services employment remained the same; however, government was boosted by hires of temporary summer workers in local government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $435.66 per week in July, up $8.03 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.1, up 6 minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.60, up $0.17 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $9.26 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in July decreased to 53,900, a level 2,700 below June. The increase in employment by place of residence was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 8.9 percent of the labor force compared with 9.5 percent in June and 10.1 percent in July of last year. The July rate was lower than the state rate of 10.2 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 9,717.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months will probably show an overall decrease. Layoffs of temporary summer workers will lower local government. The increases in public and private educational services at the beginning of the school term will probably offset most of this loss. Unemployment is expected to decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	Net Change From June 1988	Net Change From July 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.8	132.0	132.2	- 1.2	- 1.4
MANUFACTURING	17.4	17.4	17.6	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	12.6	12.5	12.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.4	7.3	7.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.5	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.9	4.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.3	1.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	- 0.1
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.4	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	7.8	7.6	7.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.1	8.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.2	32.2	32.6	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	7.9	7.7	8.1	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Retail Trade	24.3	24.5	24.5	- 0.2	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.3	7.2	7.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	33.2	33.1	32.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	21.9	23.4	23.0	- 1.5	- 1.1
Federal	4.7	4.8	4.7	- 0.1	0
State and Local	17.2	18.6	18.3	- 1.4	- 1.1
State	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	+ 0.1
Local	11.4	12.8	12.6	- 1.4	- 1.2

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**	July '88*	June '88**	July '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$481.82	$509.15	$463.60	41.5	42.5	39.7	$11.61	$11.98	$11.59
Lumber and Wood Products	255.82	222.18	270.09	37.4	32.2	39.2	6.84	6.90	6.89
Metals and Machinery	500.69	537.30	493.61	43.5	45.0	41.1	11.51	11.94	12.01
Food and Kindred Products	285.19	344.96	308.90	40.8	44.0	39.4	6.99	7.84	7.84
Printing and Publishing	335.12	347.00	323.70	34.8	35.7	34.4	9.63	9.72	9.41
Petroleum and Coal Products	615.23	556.66	571.33	51.7	46.7	48.5	11.90	11.92	11.78

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural employment total for this area decreased to 130,800, down from the revised June estimate of 132,000. This employment decrease occurred in nonmanufacturing and was caused by seasonal payroll adjustments in local education.

The manufacturing employment total, estimated at 17,400, remains unchanged from the revised June total, but falls below the year ago estimate of 17,600.

The total nonmanufacturing employment estimate shows the seasonal decline in local education during the summer months. The local government total of 11,400 reflects a payroll drop of 1,400 from the revised June estimate of 12,800. Construction employment continues to show gains. A small increase occurred in finance, insurance, and real estate, and in services. The transportation and public utilities employment estimate moved down 100 from the revised June figure.

Production workers in this area, estimated at 13,000, had average weekly earnings of $481.82, down $27.33 from last month, and up $18.22 from one year ago. Average weekly hours dropped from 42.5 in June to 41.5. The average hourly earnings fell slightly over the month from $11.98 to $11.61.

The civilian labor force of 164,600 for this labor market area includes 148,800 employed and 15,800 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 9.6 percent..

During the next thirty days, this area will show little change. Total nonagricultural employment will not likely exceed the present level, while total unemployment is expected to show a slight decline.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1988				REVISED JULY 1988				REVISED AUGUST 1987			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,918.8	1,726.8	192.0	10.0	1,938.5	1,738.5	200.0	10.3	1,941.0	1,722.9	218.1	11.2
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.9	55.1	5.8	9.5	61.3	55.3	6.0	9.9	61.2	55.4	5.8	9.4
Baton Rouge 2/	262.9	239.0	23.9	9.1	264.2	239.4	24.8	9.4	262.0	236.6	25.4	9.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	68.5	62.0	6.5	9.5	69.8	62.8	7.0	10.1	71.3	61.4	9.9	13.9
Lafayette 4/	97.5	88.8	8.7	9.0	99.1	90.2	8.9	9.0	99.4	87.9	11.5	11.6
Lake Charles 5/	75.5	67.4	8.1	10.7	76.6	68.3	8.3	10.8	75.9	66.4	9.5	12.5
Monroe 6/	67.4	60.9	6.5	9.6	68.9	61.8	7.1	10.3	69.3	62.7	6.6	9.5
New Orleans 7/	602.5	549.6	52.9	8.8	605.0	550.3	54.7	9.0	604.2	545.4	58.8	9.7
Shreveport 8/	164.6	148.8	15.8	9.6	166.0	149.7	16.3	9.8	165.1	148.5	16.6	10.1

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,496,000 for August, an increase of 500 above the revised level for July and 18,100 above the August year-ago figure. Much of the increase was centered in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing. The increase in nonmanufacturing payrolls for the current month was centered in the construction and services sectors.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, at 74,400 was 100 lower than July's figure but 4,200 above the year-ago figure. A decrease in business for ship and boat building and repairing firms was responsible for the loss in transportation equipment employment.

Employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing was estimated at 94,500 for August, an increase of 500 above the July level. The reopening of a firm in the miscellaneous apparel and accessories industry accounted for most of the increase in employment for the apparel and other textiles products segment. The reopening of a plant in the leather and leather products industry, after a temporary shutdown, was mainly responsible for the increase of other nondurable goods employment.

Employment in nonmanufacturing industries during August was estimated at 1,327,100, up by 100 from the July figure. Mining employment dropped by 400 workers. An upturn in construction payrolls occurred largely in the heavy construction contractors segment. Transportation and public utilities experienced an increase in employment due in part to an increase in business for the state's ports. Trade payrolls were up in August largely as a result of increased business in department stores and in eating and drinking establishments. Employment drops at banks were significant in the downturn of finance, insurance and real estate employment. Seasonal employee additions in educational services primarily accounted for the increase in total services employment. Estimated government employment in August was down due mostly to a decrease in local government, except education, payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 123,800 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $469.79 in July to $469.76 in August, a loss of three cents but an increase of $19.33 from the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were $0.13 lower in August than last month but seven cents higher than the year-ago figure. Weekly hours averaged 42.9 for the current month, up 0.5 hours from the July revised level of 42.4 hours.

Total unemployment for Louisiana during August amounted to 192,000, a decrease of 8,000 below the July revised level of 200,000. The unemployment rate for August was 10.0 percent, compared to 10.3 percent for July and 11.2 percent for August 1987. The comparable national unemployment rate for August was 5.4 percent, compared to 5.5 percent in July and 5.8 percent in August a year ago. Louisiana's civilian labor force moved from 1,938,500 in July to 1,918,800 in August, a decrease of 19,700. Total employment decreased from 1,738,500 in July to 1,726,800 in August, a decrease of 11,700 workers.

Louisiana's unemployment rate is expected to continue its decline during the next month as students leave the labor force to return to school. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment is expected to increase next month.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1988*	July 1988**	August 1987**	Net Change from	
				July 1988	August 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,496.0	1,495.5	1,477.9	+ 0.5	+18.1
MINING	54.7	55.1	55.3	- 0.4	- 0.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	52.0	52.4	52.6	- 0.4	- 0.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	84.8	83.7	81.7	+ 1.1	+ 3.1
MANUFACTURING	168.9	168.5	164.0	+ 0.4	+ 4.9
Durable Goods	74.4	74.5	70.2	- 0.1	+ 4.2
Lumber and Wood Products	12.2	12.2	12.3	0	- 0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.6	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	11.8	11.7	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.3	9.2	8.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.9	6.8	7.3	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	22.7	23.0	20.4	- 0.3	+ 2.3
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.5	2.3	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	94.5	94.0	93.8	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	19.4	19.5	20.4	- 0.1	- 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.4	9.2	8.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Paper & Allied Products	12.2	12.2	11.9	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	10.3	10.3	10.1	0	+ 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.9	25.8	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.4	12.3	12.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Petroleum Refining	11.5	11.4	11.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.9	4.7	4.9	+ 0.2	0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.5	104.9	104.5	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	59.8	59.1	58.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.2
Water Transportation	23.5	22.7	22.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.5	40.6	40.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.1	18.1	18.4	0	- 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.4	22.5	22.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	364.8	364.1	364.9	+ 0.7	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	83.6	83.5	82.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.2	46.2	45.1	0	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.4	37.3	37.4	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	281.2	280.6	282.4	+ 0.6	- 1.2
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.0	57.5	58.1	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Food Stores	56.0	56.0	56.9	0	- 0.9
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.1	31.1	31.0	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	85.6	85.3	85.9	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Other Retail Trade	50.5	50.7	50.5	- 0.2	0

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1988*	July 1988**	August 1987**	Net Change from July 1988	Net Change from August 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.2	84.4	85.2	- 0.2	- 1.0
Banking	24.5	24.7	25.3	- 0.2	- 0.8
SERVICES	330.1	329.0	319.8	+ 1.1	+10.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.8	22.4	20.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Personal Services	14.7	14.6	13.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Business Services	59.0	59.0	58.4	0	+ 0.6
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.6	10.0	0	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.1	10.1	10.4	0	- 0.3
Health Services	104.0	104.1	101.9	- 0.1	+ 2.1
Legal Services	15.9	15.9	15.6	0	+ 0.3
Educational Services	23.7	22.7	18.3	+ 1.0	+ 5.4
Social Services	18.1	18.2	17.6	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Membership Organizations	25.6	25.7	26.6	- 0.1	- 1.0
Miscellaneous Services	14.8	14.9	14.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	303.0	305.8	302.5	- 2.8	+ 0.5
Federal	36.3	36.2	36.8	+ 0.1	- 0.5
State and Local	266.7	269.6	265.7	- 2.9	+ 1.0
State	88.0	88.2	89.3	- 0.2	- 1.3
Local	178.7	181.4	176.4	- 2.7	+ 2.3

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

		Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings	
	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$469.76	$469.79	$450.43	42.9	42.4	41.4	$10.95	$11.08	$10.88
Durable Goods	433.00	417.08	404.78	43.3	42.3	40.6	10.00	9.86	9.97
Lumber & Wood Products	351.48	352.84	350.65	42.5	43.4	42.4	8.27	8.13	8.27
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	355.11	376.82	347.38	39.5	41.5	38.3	8.99	9.08	9.07
Fabricated Metal Products	442.98	437.68	400.40	46.0	43.9	40.0	9.63	9.97	10.01
Machinery, ex. Electrical	402.12	397.20	395.05	43.9	43.6	43.7	9.16	9.11	9.04
Electric & Electronic Equip.	593.18	576.81	504.66	44.4	43.5	39.0	13.36	13.26	12.94
Transportation Equipment	468.04	426.22	440.67	42.9	40.4	39.7	10.91	10.55	11.10
Nondurable Goods	503.01	515.53	488.36	42.7	42.5	42.1	11.78	12.13	11.60
Food & Kindred Products	316.57	311.26	303.34	40.9	39.4	39.6	7.74	7.90	7.66
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	203.86	189.75	194.67	37.2	34.5	36.8	5.48	5.50	5.29
Paper & Allied Products	575.92	576.63	559.42	43.4	43.0	42.9	13.27	13.41	13.04
Printing & Publishing	404.17	403.18	393.00	38.9	38.0	39.3	10.39	10.61	10.00
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	707.44	725.50	687.73	45.7	45.6	44.6	15.48	15.91	15.42
Petroleum & Coal Products	720.04	754.94	688.10	47.0	48.8	45.6	15.32	15.47	15.09
Petroleum Refining	733.82	768.97	705.61	47.1	48.7	45.7	15.58	15.79	15.44
MINING	523.53	530.27	522.10	44.9	45.4	46.0	11.66	11.68	11.35
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	517.45	525.82	523.09	40.3	40.2	40.3	12.84	13.08	12.98
BANKING	273.06	267.75	262.09	37.0	37.5	38.6	7.38	7.14	6.79

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,800 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,100 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 08 88				REVISED 07 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,475	19,525	2,950	13.2	22,800	19,850	2,950	13.0
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,700	8,575	1,125	11.6	9,825	8,675	1,150	11.7
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,925	4,950	975	16.4	6,150	5,100	1,050	17.1
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,775	13,200	2,575	16.3	15,650	12,975	2,675	17.1
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,800	13,350	1,450	9.9	14,600	13,175	1,425	9.7
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,525	5,800	725	11.0	6,600	5,850	750	11.4
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,200	3,675	525	12.7	4,300	3,750	550	12.9
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,675	4,300	375	7.9	4,775	4,375	400	8.2
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,075	3,375	700	16.9	4,300	3,525	775	17.9
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,050	7,350	700	8.6	8,075	7,350	725	9.0
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,900	8,600	1,300	13.0	10,275	8,825	1,450	14.0
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,175	11,700	1,475	11.1	13,225	11,700	1,525	11.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,125	3,375	750	18.1	4,400	3,575	825	18.6
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,800	7,950	850	9.7	8,850	7,975	875	9.8
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,650	11,075	1,575	12.5	12,775	11,125	1,650	12.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,100	7,000	1,100	13.5	8,475	7,250	1,225	14.3
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,800	5,950	850	12.4	6,875	6,075	800	11.7
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,200	21,325	2,875	11.9	24,350	21,325	3,025	12.4
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,475	9,700	1,775	15.5	11,575	9,750	1,825	15.8
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,225	6,675	550	7.7	7,425	6,775	650	8.6
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,975	10,375	1,600	13.4	12,400	10,700	1,700	13.8
JENA (LASALLE)	6,475	5,800	675	10.2	6,550	5,850	700	10.5
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	16,725	15,825	900	5.4	17,025	16,100	925	5.4
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,700	4,875	825	14.5	5,850	5,000	850	14.4
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,325	10,650	1,675	13.5	12,850	11,075	1,775	13.8
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,075	14,475	1,600	9.9	16,550	14,825	1,725	10.4
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,050	8,150	900	9.9	8,975	8,025	950	10.6
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,325	5,900	1,425	19.3	7,575	6,075	1,500	19.8
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,075	3,650	425	10.3	4,400	3,750	650	15.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,000	7,775	1,225	13.6	9,300	8,050	1,250	13.4
MANY (SABINE)	10,150	9,300	850	8.4	10,300	9,425	875	8.5
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,725	2,375	350	12.9	2,825	2,450	375	13.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,100	6,850	1,250	15.4	8,350	7,025	1,325	15.8
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,175	27,850	5,325	16.1	33,875	28,150	5,725	16.9
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,300	20,350	2,950	12.7	23,400	20,275	3,125	13.4
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,450	33,325	5,125	13.3	39,000	33,475	5,525	14.2
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,025	2,750	275	9.2	3,175	2,850	325	9.9
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,500	7,575	925	10.8	8,375	7,450	925	11.1
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,375	17,000	2,375	12.2	19,775	17,225	2,550	12.9
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,150	17,575	1,575	8.2	19,425	17,950	1,475	7.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,125	16,100	2,025	11.1	18,375	16,325	2,050	11.2
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,375	16,950	2,425	12.5	19,550	17,050	2,500	12.8
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,500	3,500	1,000	22.4	4,650	3,725	925	20.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,100	3,675	425	10.1	4,100	3,725	375	9.1
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,575	5,100	475	8.4	5,650	5,150	500	8.7

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1988*	July 1988**	August 1987**	Net Change From July 1988	Net Change From August 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	45.5	45.7	0	- 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.5	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.5	1.4	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	1.0	0.9	- 0.1	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.2	11.2	11.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	9.0	9.0	9.0	0	0
General Merchandise	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.4	11.4	11.2	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.0	11.9	12.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
State and Local	9.3	9.2	9.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
State	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
Local	4.7	4.6	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,500 during the month of August. This estimate was the same as last month and 200 less than August of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,400 during August. This estimate was 100 less than the previous month, and the decline was in other nondurable goods. Since August of last year, employment in manufacturing has declined by 100, and the reduction occurred in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,100 during August. This estimate is 100 more than July, and the increase occurred in local government. Compared to last August, nonmanufacturing has declined by 100 employees. Employment reductions in government partially offset employment gains in trade and services.

During the next thirty days, total nonagricultural employment should increase with the unemployment rate showing a decline. This would be attributed to noninstructional school personnel, and summer job seekers returning to school for the fall semester.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1988*	July 1988**	August 1987**	Net Change From July 1988	August 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	211.2	210.9	209.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.8	18.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.7	14.8	14.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.3	10.2	- 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	21.8	21.5	19.3	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.4	10.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	51.8	51.8	51.3	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	11.6	11.6	11.2	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	40.2	40.2	40.1	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.4	13.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	3.3	3.3	3.7	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	43.9	44.0	43.5	- 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	50.2	50.2	52.4	0	- 2.2
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	48.0	48.0	50.2	0	- 2.2
State	25.2	25.2	27.3	0	- 2.1
Local	22.8	22.8	22.9	0	- 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$548.25	$568.96	$509.50	42.5	43.3	42.6	$12.90	$13.14	$11.96
Petro-Chemicals	721.60	738.30	673.06	45.7	45.8	47.1	15.79	16.12	14.29

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 211,200 during August, was up 300 from the July revised estimate and up 1,600 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700, was down 100 during the current period and up 300 over the year-ago estimate. Durable goods were unchanged during the current period. Nondurable goods employment was down due to less business in miscellaneous petroleum and coal products.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 400 during August and up 1,300 over the year-ago estimate. Construction was up due to more business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction, in painting, paper hanging, and decorating, and in electrical work. Transportation and public utilities rose due to increased activity in transportation on rivers and canals. Finance, insurance, and real estate were up due to more business in insurance services. Services employment dropped due to seasonal declines in amusement and recreational services, except motion pictures, and in educational services. Mining, wholesale and retail trade, and government were unchanged during the current period.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,200 production workers in all manufacturing was $548.25, down $15.71 from the revised July average. Average weekly hours, at 42.5, were down 0.8 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.90, were down $0.24 per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 239,000 during August, down 400 from the revised July estimate and up 2,400 from the year-ago total. Unemployment, at 23,900, was down 900 during the current period and down 1,500 from August of last year. The local unemployment rate for August was 9.1 percent, down from the revised 9.4 percent for July and down from 9.7 percent for August of last year. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 262,900 during August, down 1,300 from the prior month and up 900 over the total for last August.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,921 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 1,994 applicants in jobs during August 1988.

The consumer price index for July, 1988 for all urban consumers was 118.5 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 117.2 using base period 1982, 1983, 1984 = 100.

Seasonal changes in education are expected to increase employment. Unemployment should decline somewhat as unemployed summer job seekers withdraw from the labor force.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1988*	July 1988**	August 1987**	Net Change From July 1988	Net Change From August 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.0	53.5	52.1	- 0.5	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.4	4.3	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	2.6	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
MINING	6.1	6.2	5.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.5	0	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.3	6.3	5.5	0	+ 0.8
Water Transportation	4.0	4.0	3.2	0	+ 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.6	13.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Retail Trade	10.6	10.7	11.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.4	3.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	9.0	9.1	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	9.8	9.9	10.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.3	9.4	9.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
State	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
Local	7.1	7.2	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA decreased to 53,000, a level 500 below July. Several industry divisions exhibited small changes. Since August 1987, total employment showed a gain of 900.

Manufacturing totaled 4,300 in August, showing a decrease of 100 since July. Nondurable goods eased down because of seasonal factors affecting seafood processing. Durable goods displayed no significant change.

Mining exhibited a small decrease in oil and gas field services. Construction held steady. Transportation and public utilities showed no significant change. Less favorably, retail trade was lowered by downward adjustments in employment by eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance, and real estate remained at the same level. Services experienced a small downturn, spread through several segments. Local government reflected a summer decrease in employment by the public schools.

Estimated unemployment in August moved down to 6,500, a level 500 below July. A reduction in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force was partly responsible. Unemployment presently comprises 9.5 percent of the labor force, compared to 10.1 percent in July and 13.9 percent in August of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 931.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to display a seasonal increase. Both state and local educational services will pull back up from the summer low as the autumn school term begins. Unemployment will probably decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1988*	July 1988**	August 1987**	Net Change From July 1988	Net Change From August 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	83.4	84.1	81.2	- 0.7	+ 2.2
MANUFACTURING	5.9	6.1	5.8	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.6	4.4	- 0.2	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
MINING	10.5	10.6	10.5	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	3.0	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	6.1	5.7	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.2	23.4	21.7	- 0.2	+ 1.5
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.0	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	2.9	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	17.8	18.0	16.7	- 0.2	+ 1.1
General Merchandise	2.8	2.8	2.6	0	+ 0.2
Food Stores	2.8	2.9	2.8	- 0.1	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	10.4	10.5	9.7	- 0.1	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.7	3.6	3.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.8	18.7	18.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	12.3	12.6	12.2	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.5	11.8	11.3	- 0.3	+ 0.2
State	4.2	4.2	4.0	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.3	7.6	7.3	- 0.3	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette labor market area was estimated at 83,400, a decrease of 700 workers from July's revised estimate. The decrease was scattered across several industries.

Manufacturing showed a decrease of 200 over last month's estimate, centered in nondurable goods, but was 100 higher than last year. Mining and construction were down by 100 over last month, with construction showing a decrease of 500 since August 1987. Transportation and public utilities showed no change. Losses in food stores and miscellaneous retail stores caused a drop of 200 in the wholesale and retail trade sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed an increase of 100. Services also rose by 100. These increases were partially due to seasonal factors. Government showed a drop of 300, reflecting the end of summer youth employment programs in local government.

Total employment should increase slightly over the next 30 days due to seasonal hiring in trade. The unemployment rate should remain stable.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1988*	July 1988**	August 1987**	Net Change From July 1988	Net Change From August 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.8	59.6	58.0	- 0.8	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	11.0	11.1	11.0	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.5	8.4	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.9	1.0	0.9	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.2	4.2	3.9	0	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.9	4.0	3.9	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.1	14.4	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Retail Trade	11.3	11.3	11.6	0	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.0	2.1	+ 0.1	0
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.7	3.7	4.0	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.5	11.6	11.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.4	0.5	0.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.3	10.7	9.9	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.7	10.1	9.3	- 0.4	+ 0.4
State	3.3	3.3	3.6	0	- 0.3
Local	6.4	6.8	5.7	- 0.4	+ 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles labor market area was estimated at 58,800 for August 1988, a decrease of 800 over the previous month. This estimate shows an increase of 800 since August of last year.

Manufacturing showed a decrease of 100 since last month. Mining showed a loss of 100 workers since July but was unchanged from last year's estimate. Both the transportation and public utilities and the services sectors showed losses of 100. Local government showed a decrease of 400 due to the end of the summer youth employment programs, causing the decline in total government employment.

Other sectors showed no change.

Total employment is expected to increase over the next month due to seasonal hiring. The unemployment rate should remain fairly constant.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1988*	July 1988**	August 1987**	Net Change From July 1988	Net Change From August 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.7	53.6	54.0	- 0.9	- 1.3
MANUFACTURING	7.1	6.8	7.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.1	1.8	2.1	+ 0.3	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.6	1.9	+ 0.3	0
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.3	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.7	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.9	14.0	14.5	- 0.1	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.8	3.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.0	10.2	10.7	- 0.2	- 0.7
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.5	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.7	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.7	11.7	11.7	0	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Health Services	5.3	5.3	5.1	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	9.8	10.8	10.1	- 1.0	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.2	10.2	9.5	- 1.0	- 0.3
State	3.9	4.0	3.9	- 0.1	0
Local	5.3	6.2	5.6	- 0.9	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total employment in the Monroe LMA declined by 900 to an estimated 52,700 during mid-August. The primary loss occurred in government and reflects the end of special summer programs for youths.

Manufacturing rose by 300, to an estimated 7,100, as several firms recalled workers on temporary lay-off. The gain was in durable goods. Wholesale and retail trade declined by 100 to an estimated 13,900. Transportation and public utilities experienced a minimal loss of 100. Government declined by 1,000 reflecting primarily the end of the special summer programs for youths. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

Employment is expected to rise slightly as educational facilities begin the fall semester. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1988*	July 1988**	August 1987**	Net Change From July 1988	Net Change From August 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	519.0	517.3	511.5	+ 1.7	+ 7.5
MANUFACTURING	43.3	43.5	41.6	- 0.2	+ 1.7
Durable Goods	22.3	22.4	20.1	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.3	2.2	- 0.1	0
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
Transportation Equipment	13.7	13.7	11.8	0	+ 1.9
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.0	10.0	8.1	0	+ 1.9
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	21.0	21.1	21.5	- 0.1	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.8	3.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.5	4.5	4.7	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.4	15.2	14.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.5	14.3	13.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
CONSTRUCTION	22.5	22.6	21.9	- 0.1	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.2	43.9	43.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	13.3	13.0	12.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.5	132.8	134.8	+ 0.7	- 1.3
Wholesale Trade	31.9	32.0	31.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.2	18.2	18.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.7	13.8	13.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	101.6	100.8	103.2	+ 0.8	- 1.6
General Merchandise	14.2	13.9	13.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Food Stores	18.1	17.9	18.7	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Eating & Drinking Places	35.0	34.6	35.4	+ 0.4	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.6	33.7	34.4	- 0.1	- 0.8
Banking	7.2	7.3	7.2	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	137.9	137.0	131.3	+ 0.9	+ 6.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.5	13.1	12.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
Health Services	37.3	37.1	36.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	88.6	88.6	89.5	0	- 0.9
Federal	15.9	15.9	16.1	0	- 0.2
State and Local	72.7	72.7	73.4	0	- 0.7
State	18.4	18.3	18.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	54.3	54.4	55.1	- 0.1	- 0.8

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$455.52	$438.13	$429.05	43.3	41.1	40.4	$10.52	$10.66	$10.62
Durable Goods	431.12	384.31	386.91	44.4	40.2	39.4	9.71	9.56	9.82
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	221.00	233.96	232.70	25.0	27.3	25.6	8.84	8.57	9.09
Fabricated Metal Products	438.80	490.50	423.26	45.9	45.0	41.7	9.56	10.90	10.15
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	452.67	358.18	373.26	47.8	40.2	38.8	9.47	8.91	9.62
Nondurable Goods	482.77	498.46	466.69	42.2	42.1	41.3	11.44	11.84	11.30
Food & Kindred Products	317.51	330.65	314.87	38.3	38.9	37.8	8.29	8.50	8.33
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	173.73	189.35	167.46	33.8	35.0	32.9	5.14	5.41	5.09
Paper & Allied Products	415.70	396.49	385.76	47.4	44.3	44.7	8.77	8.95	8.63
Printing & Publishing	403.80	388.08	382.22	41.5	39.2	41.5	9.73	9.90	9.21
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	729.33	759.00	726.38	47.7	46.0	44.7	15.29	16.50	16.25

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in August increased to 519,000, a level 1,700 above July. The largest gains were in the services and retail trade segments. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 7,500 workers, with increases in most industry divisions.

Manufacturing employment eased down to 43,300, a level 200 below July. The small decrease was evenly spread between durable goods and nondurable goods. Printing and publishing exhibited a small seasonal decrease. Fabricated metal products displayed a minor downturn because of less business. All other industries in manufacturing held steady.

Mining moved up, with gains primarily in the oil and gas extraction segment. Construction made slight downward adjustments. Transportation and public utilities showed increases mostly attributed to the rise in local port activity. Trade showed significant gains, with large increases in retail trade offset slightly by smaller decreases in wholesale trade. Finance, insurance and real estate employment was reduced. Services was boosted by considerable gains in private educational services and in hotel/motel services. Government employment held steady.

Production workers in the area earned an average $455.52 per week in August, up $17.39 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 43.3, up two hours and twelve minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.52, down $0.14 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $0.10 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in August decreased to 52,900, a level 1,800 below July. The decrease in the labor force was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 8.8 percent of the labor force, compared with 9.0 percent in July and 9.7 percent in August of last year. The August rate was lower than the state rate of 10.0 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 9,422.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall seasonal increase. Public and private educational services will resume regular fall activity. Services will be favored by fall sports and cultural events. Retail trade will benefit from back-to-school shopping. Unemployment is expected to show a small decrease.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1988*	July 1988**	August 1987**	Net Change From July 1988	Net Change From August 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.6	131.6	131.0	0	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	17.3	17.4	17.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
Durable Goods	12.5	12.6	12.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.4	7.4	7.3	0	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.4	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.8	5.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.2	1.4	0	- 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	2.9	3.0	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	7.9	7.7	7.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.1	8.0	8.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.7	32.0	32.6	- 0.3	- 0.9
Wholesale Trade	7.6	7.6	8.0	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	24.1	24.4	24.6	- 0.3	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.1	7.2	7.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
SERVICES	33.2	33.1	32.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	23.4	23.2	21.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
State and Local	18.7	18.5	17.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
State	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 0.2
Local	12.8	12.6	11.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.5

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**	August '88*	July '88**	August '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$494.25	$482.98	$458.54	42.1	41.6	39.7	$11.74	$11.61	$11.55
Lumber and Wood Products	295.68	255.82	266.01	38.5	37.4	37.1	7.68	6.84	7.17
Metals and Machinery	528.54	500.69	487.94	46.0	43.5	40.9	11.49	11.51	11.93
Food and Kindred Products	349.32	285.19	255.25	37.4	40.8	35.5	9.34	6.99	7.19
Printing and Publishing	335.59	335.12	322.92	35.4	34.8	34.5	9.48	9.63	9.36
Petroleum and Coal Products	558.93	615.23	506.04	46.5	51.7	42.1	12.02	11.90	12.02

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimate for the Shreveport LMA remained unchanged from the revised July estimate of 131,600. The August 1987 estimate was 131,000.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 17,300, was down from the revised July estimate of 17,400 and remains below the year-ago figure of 17,700.

The nonmanufacturing employment estimate of 114,300 shows a slight increase over the revised July figure. Small gains in construction, transportation, services and government were mostly eliminated by losses in mining, retail trade and finance, insurance and real estate.

This area had 13,100 production workers in manufacturing with average weekly earnings of $494.25, up $11.27 from July and $46.98 more than August 1987. The average weekly hours increased to 42.1, up from 41.6 in July and 39.7 one year ago. Average hourly earnings increased to $11.74, up slightly from $11.61 in July and $11.55 in August 1987.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport labor market area, estimated at 164,600, includes 148,800 employed and 15,800 unemployed. The unemployment rate for August was 9.6 percent.

Employment changes in this area during the next month will be seasonal. The beginning of the 1988-89 school year will bring educational services payrolls back to a normal level. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment will increase while the unemployment total will remain near the present estimate.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1988

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,883	1,567	316	48	45	3	25	14	11
Contractural Construction (15-17)	8,615	5,992	2,623	194	148	46	1,755	1,313	442
Manufacturing (20-29)	4,861	2,467	2,394	120	53	67	217	123	94
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	2,062	1,123	939	37	22	15	245	123	122
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,306	918	388	31	24	7	169	108	61
Retail Trade (52-59)	6,211	3,503	2,708	171	122	49	711	351	360
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,477	1,170	307	30	25	5	264	199	65
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	9,866	5,189	4,677	431	217	214	1,325	673	652
Public Administration (91-97)	1,973	977	996	82	51	31	301	152	149
All Others	178	105	73	0	0	0	48	26	22
Totals	38,432	23,011	15,421	1,144	707	437	5,060	3,082	1,978
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	5,658	4,097	1,561	237	163	74	836	586	250
Clerical and Sales	8,772	6,139	2,633	271	213	58	1,144	731	413
Services Occupations	5,168	1,542	3,626	194	48	146	631	167	464
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	319	126	193	12	6	6	17	6	11
Processing Occupations	794	395	399	4	0	4	66	38	28
Machine Trades	1,770	1,149	621	53	44	9	219	156	63
Benchwork Occupations	1,257	620	637	36	11	25	64	41	23
Structural Work Occupations	8,912	5,835	3,077	211	152	59	1,600	1,099	501
Miscellaneous Occupations	5,782	3,108	2,674	126	70	56	483	258	225
Totals	38,432	23,011	15,421	1,144	707	437	5,060	3,082	1,978

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1988

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	130	101	29	269	217	52	72	71	1
Contractural Construction (15-17)	214	177	37	170	115	55	547	463	84
Manufacturing (20-29)	216	173	43	193	114	79	77	54	23
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	80	62	18	56	41	15	143	83	60
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	64	61	3	74	64	10	36	27	9
Retail Trade (52-59)	185	135	50	349	213	136	258	159	99
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	31	29	2	81	71	10	30	29	1
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	214	159	55	368	204	164	312	208	104
Public Administration (91-97)	57	39	18	66	34	32	36	25	11
All Others	2	1	1	4	3	1	1	0	1
Totals	1,193	937	256	1,630	1,076	554	1,512	1,119	393
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	145	134	11	287	230	57	169	140	29
Clerical and Sales	200	183	17	471	388	83	317	246	71
Services Occupations	152	74	78	274	83	191	156	56	100
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	14	9	5	13	9	4	3	3	0
Processing Occupations	122	93	29	74	33	41	31	21	10
Machine Trades	48	39	9	51	38	13	44	37	7
Benchwork Occupations	10	7	3	40	18	22	21	15	6
Structural Work Occupations	312	253	59	210	136	74	489	418	71
Miscellaneous Occupations	190	145	45	210	141	69	282	183	99
Totals	1,193	937	256	1,630	1,076	554	1,512	1,119	393

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1988

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	27	26	1	119	72	47	106	103	3
Contractural Construction (15-17)	245	202	43	1,913	1,169	744	445	277	168
Manufacturing (20-29)	150	85	65	1,044	539	505	418	174	244
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	23	13	10	904	395	509	112	54	58
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	23	19	4	427	277	150	153	109	44
Retail Trade (52-59)	328	220	108	2,056	997	1,059	567	286	281
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	46	41	5	575	418	157	160	123	37
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	351	196	155	3,326	1,649	1,677	798	392	406
Public Administration (91-97)	48	22	26	476	188	288	206	86	120
All Others	3	3	0	78	49	29	4	3	1
Totals	1,244	827	417	10,918	5,753	5,165	2,969	1,607	1,362
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	224	176	48	1,974	1,370	604	417	319	98
Clerical and Sales	381	282	99	2,971	1,882	1,089	781	540	241
Services Occupations	129	27	102	1,696	422	1,274	497	107	390
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	2	2	0	79	29	50	23	5	18
Processing Occupations	10	6	4	132	44	88	35	11	24
Machine Trades	116	76	40	383	243	140	151	78	73
Benchwork Occupations	27	18	9	226	78	148	149	68	81
Structural Work Occupations	198	153	45	1,956	1,128	828	480	269	211
Miscellaneous Occupations	157	87	70	1,501	557	944	436	210	226
Totals	1,244	827	417	10,918	5,753	5,165	2,969	1,607	1,362

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